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Can Constructive Work Hamper War?

GANDHIJI EXPLAINS "TRUE MEANING OF DO OR DIE"

Congressmen Advised To Serve Mutely Regardless Of Consequences

SEWAGRAM, March 11—(A. P. I.) "Congressmen, whose only calling is service of the people, will serve mutely and without carying for the consequences that may befall them by reason of their service. That is the true meaning of do or die", observes Mahatma Gandhi in a Press statement regarding the ban on constructive workers of Akola and elsewhere.

The following is the full text of Mahatma Gandhi's statement:—

"A Conference of Congress workers, limited in number and by special invitation, was recently banned in Akola by the District Magistrate. The order is reported to say that 'discussion will take place among other subjects on the work and programme of the Congress, particularly in villages'. Considering the influence of the invitees, he was of the opinon that his Conference would hamper the successful prosecution of the war. It passes comprehension how a conference, where only discussion could take place, can "hamper the prosecution of the war" or how the constructive programme, no matter how influentially worked, can hamper the prosecution of the war.

"Does the Magistrate say one thing and mean some thing else that a successful working of the constructive programme can and will make the present war with the Japanese impossible? This may need proof, but no proof is needed to show that the constructive work cannot, and is not designed to, hamper in any way whatsoever the prosecution of the war. What it can do is to bring work and bread to villagers in their own homes, besides making illiterates literate and happy.

"Or does Government, if the order is prompted by them, want to prevent influential Congressmen from serving the people in any way whatsoever? If so, why have they released Congressmen at all? Any way, Congressmen whose only calling is service of the people will serve mutely and without caring for the consequences that may befall them by reason of their service, that is the true meaning of do or die."

Interned Leaders' "No" To Govt. Offer

DECLINE PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM 'NAGAR FORT TO RESPECTIVE PROVINCES

AHMEDNAGAR, March 11.

It is reliably understood that the members of the Congress Working Committee, now interned in the Ahmednagar Fort, have intimated the authorities their unwillingness to be transferred from Ahmednagar Fort to their respective provinces on the ground that such transfer would deprive them of the companionship of their colleagues of the Working Committee and would add to their hardship by being compelled to live alone in other jails.

This decision, it is understood, was taken by all members jointly except Acharya Kripalani and Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, who held that such transfer would afford them a much needed change, although none of them would be taking the advantage of interviews with friends or relatives which such transfer would facilitate.

The majority of the members did not approve of the transfer and were not prepared to lose the companionship of their colleagues. The two dissenting members have also agreed to the majority view and, it is understood, have joined their colleagues in declining the proposed transfer.—A. P.

SAPRU IN MADRAS

MADRAS, March 11 (A.P.I.): Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru arrived in Madras this morning from Delhi on a professional visit.

Gandhiji For Bombay

Will Arrive On March 30 For Prolonged Stay

BOMBAY, Sunday.

It is now definite that Mahatma Gandhi will arrive in Bombay on Friday, March 30, for a prolonged stay which may cover about a month and a half. He is expected to spend the first five or six days at Birla House where the meetings of the Trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund will be held. After this Gandhiji will be busy supervising the training of a batch of sixty women who will receive special training at Borivli for work in the villages connected with the Kasturba Memorial Fund Scheme.

No District Board Money For Kasturba Fund

BIJAPUR, March 11.

The Commissioner of the Southern Division is understood to have refused sanction to the donation of Rs. 2,000 made by the Bijapur District Local Board to the Kasturba Memorial Fund in August last.—A. P.

8 Casualties In Explosion

SURAT, March 11—A. P.: Seven persons met with immediate death and one more was seriously injured this afternoon in an explosion in a godown on the outskirts of the city where gunpowder was being manufactured.

STOP PRESS

70 War Prisoners Escape

CARDIFF, March 11 (Reuter): Seventy prisoners of war escaped from a camp in South Wales during the night. Up to 5 p. m. yesterday 16 had been recaptured.

Two hours later it was reported that five more prisoners had been recapturtd leaving 49 at liberty.—Reuter.

JAPS REPORT ALLIED DRIVE IN MINDANAO

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency tonight said that about 1,500 United States troops supported by tanks who landed on Mindanao started a drive from their beachhead at Zamboanga towards the former airfield. Reuter adds the landing which the Japanese say took place on Friday has not so far been confirmed from any Allied source.—Reuter.

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U. S. Declines To Intervene

EAM Appeal To Save ELAS Supporter From Gallows

ATHENS, March 11: Appealing to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lincoln MacVeagh, EAM delegates and signatories to the agreement with the Greek Government said yesterday that "the Greek national resistance movement is being persecuted all over Greece, and there is a danger of chaos in the country if attempts against the Left are continued."

The delegation protested particularly against the sentence of death passed on the ELAS supporter, Michaiel Moneda, whose offences were committed, the delegates said, during the fighting for the liberation of Greece.

The United States Ambassador replied that he was unable to intervene.—Reuter.

ANOTHER ELAS MAN TO DIE

ATHENS, March 11: A 25-year-old ELAS supporter, John Avgeris, accused of having committed 96 murders during December, was last night sentenced to death. A similar sentence had been passed on Avgeris earlier by a court martial, but this was annulled under the EAM-Government agreement of February 12.

The Greek Left Wing Press proclaims that Avgeris is a "patriot."

The sentence of death has also been passed on a 19-year-old Gestapo agent, George Exarhou, accused of having tortured and assasssinated several patriots, but the court recommended mercy on account of his age.—Reuter.

JAPS DECLARE ANNAM INDEPENDENT

BERLIN, March 11 (Reuter): The German News Agency quoting a Japanese communique today said that the empire of Annam in French Indo-China has declared its independence.

"The Empire as an independent state will jointly with other nations of East Asia Act in accordance with the joint Great East Asia Declaration", the communique said. "The Annamite Government declares herewith that to fulfil these tasks it is prepared to co-operate with Japan." Reuter adds, Annam has been a French Protectorate since 1884.

FRENCH TROOPS IN SHANGHAI DISARMED

The Japanese News Agency today stated that the French troops and police force stationed in the French concession in Shanghai were yesterday disarmed by Japanese troops. The French contingent was composed in main of Annamese soldiers, it added.

SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

Japanese Premier Wails Of 'Direct Advance To Mainland'

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (Reuter). The Japanese News Agency today gave the text of a speech by Kuniaki Koiso, the Japanese Prime Minister, who told the Japanese diet: "The enemy has greatly strengthened his air force in the Mariana Group, with the result that enemy air raids against our homeland have been greatly increased. Moreover an enemy task force has begun to appear in the waters near our homeland and carrier-borne enemy raids on the mainland have also risen to very serious proportions. Future developments in the war situation cannot be forecast easily. The present situation is very serious.

Judging from past enemy strategy the enemy may in the near future start a direct advance to our mainland. The people of Japan are more than ever determined to sacrifices everything for final victory. Steps taken by the Japanese military authorities in French Indo-China were dictated by military necessities.

American planes have repeatedly attacked Indo-China, and the military situation has become so intensified that a full-scale invasion of the region may be assumed."

Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Navy Minister, told the Diet: "Along with the frequent Superfortresses' air raids enemy task forces have launched three series of air attacks against Japan's homeland since the middle of February, but it is regrettable that no serious losses could be inflicted upon enemy warships."

BENES TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, March 11. The President of Czechoslovakia Dr. Benes, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Jan Masaryk, left London to return to Czechoslovakia via Moscow.

Increase In Synthetic Rubber Production In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter). A sharp increase in the 1945-46 programme for the production of synthetic rubber in the United States is announced by the rubber reserve tonight. Production scheduled for 1945 is in round figures 1,000,000 tons of 31 per cent more than last year, and for 1946 1,200,000 tons or 58 per cent above the 1944 production.

These amounts have exceeded the average annual world consumption of rubber in the 10 years preceding the outbreak of the war. In 1942 natural rubber represented 96 per cent of all rubber consumed in America, but during this year only 15 per cent of the total consumption will be of natural rubber.

AMERICANS' PRIORITY OVER HARIJANS!

MUTTRA, March 11 (U. P. I.)—Great interest has been created on account of the visit of some American soldiers to a number of small Hindu temples at Brindaban. They paid Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 to deities as well as something to 'Pandas'.

Only caste Hindus are generally allowed to enter any of these temples. Exception was made by the 'Pandas' in the case of these American soldiers.

Mudaliar And Noon For 'Frisco

V. T. Krishnamachari To Represent States

NEW DELHI, March 11.

The Government of India have been invited to take part in the Conferences to be held shortly in London and San Francisco on the World Security Organisation, says a 'communique'. The Governor-General in Council has selected the Hon. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar and the Hon. Sir Firoz Khan Noon as two of India's representatives, and at the invitation of His Excellency the Crown Representative Sir V. T. Krishnamachari has agreed to serve as the third.

The Hon. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar will lead the Delegation.

The Hon. Mr. K. P. S. Menon, the Agent-General for India in Chungking, who is now on leave in India, will be the head of the Secretariat attached to the Delegation.—A. P.

CRIPPS TO USE INDIA TO HIT AT TORIES

Why Labour Should Win Next General Election

LONDON, March 11 (U.P.A.):—The 'United Press of America" learns that Sir Stafford Cripps, in a message circularized by the Labour Party headquarters in connection with the anticipated General Election, declared: "The Labour Party has got to win that election to get a working majority which must be used with courage and conviction to drive through Parliament necessary policies and legislation to avoid a post-war disaster."

Sir Stafford Cripps' message warned that "the outcome of the election will be of vital importance, not only to our own country, but to the world."

Though he has mentioned nothing about India in the above message, it is understood that he has indicated to his close associates that he intends to use the Indian case as part of Labour's campaign against the Conservatives.

Major Split In Wehrmacht

Hitler Changes Horses In Middle Of Rhine

H.Q. 21ST ARMY GROUP, Mar. 11 (U.P.A.): Has Hitler changed horses in the middle of the Rhine?

If he has—by sacking Rundstedt—it would be the first major split in the Wehrmacht.

There is no confirmation of reports of Rundstedt's dismissal at the 21st Army Group Headquarters, but if it is true it will be the first definite indication that the Nazi Party no longer trusts the army commanders.

The following indications point to some such move: firstly, two of three commanders subordinate to Rundstedt—commanders of the northern and southern army groups—have been replaced during the past few weeks; secondly, reports from prisoners taken in both U. S. and British sectors have been saying that von Rundstedt has been dismissed for several days; thirdly, dismissal is the usual Nazi reward for failure and despite all his abilities, von Rundstedt has certainly failed.

There are persistent though unconfirmed rumours that von Rundstedt wanted to preserve his western armies though this might mean "selling the pass."

(Also See Page 4)

Devastation Unloosed On Germans

LONDON, March 11: One of the most devastating weapons of war is being turned on the Germans by the British and Canadians fighting on the Western Front.

This is the rocket barrage. Rocket projectors (or "guns") are grouped twelve together. Each projector has 32 barrels. The concentrated fire-power is equal to that of 280 5.5 inch ordinary guns.

Each shell fired by a rocket projector is comparable with a 100 lb. shell fired by a 5.5 inch gun.—(GLOBE).

BATTLE OF MANDALAY

Fighting Continues In Fort Dufferin Area

ADV. H.Q. ALFSEA, March 11.

Today's S.E.A.C. communique says: Fourteenth Army: Fighting continues in the Fort Dufferin area of Mandalay where the Japanese are offering stiff resistance. They have counter-attacked but without success.

Methodical mopping up of pockets of resistance and snipers in the northern suburbs is in progress. There has been stiff fighting several miles east of the city.

West of Mandalay our advance continues against opposition and leading troops of the British Second Division are on a line from Kyauktalon to Myotha, a road junction 30 miles south-west of Mandalay. The Twentieth Indian Division had made further progress to the south-east from the bridgehead area opposite Myinmu.

In the Meiktila area our patrols are thrusting forward.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: British Thirty-sixth Division troops have captured Mongmit, a communication centre between the Shweli river region and the Irrawaddy-Lashio road.

Chinese troops engaged in patrol action in the Mansam sector.—A.P.

CHIANG DECORATES MOUNTBATTEN

CHUNGKING, March 11.

It may now be disclosed that Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten paid a three-day visit to Chungking at the invitation of Marshal Chiang who conferred on him a high Chinese decoration for the part his Command had played in the re-opening of the Burma Road. Admiral Mountbatten arrived on Wednesday and was met at the airfield by British and Chinese officials and departed yesterday.

Observers attach significance to the fact that Admiral Mountbatten discussed the military situation with Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek and high American officers at the time when General Wedemeyer was holding similar conference with President Roosevelt. They regard the talks as a prelude to important events in the Far East with the British more in the picture in the war against Japan. British officials referred to the conference as "successful."—Reuter.

Rees Meets Rees Near Mandalay

ADV. HQ., ALFSEA, March, 11—(A. P. I.): "My name is Vincent Rees", announced a Burmese villager to Major-Gen. T. W. Rees, Commander of the 19th Indian Division, yesterday somewhere near Mandalay, writes an Indian Army observer.

Both Major-General Rees and Lt.-Gen. Sir M. G. N. Stopford, Commander of the 22nd Indian Corps, looked at each other and smiled. They had little expected to meet another "Rees" so near Mandalay.—A. P. I.

Fighting In Suburbs Of Suihwan

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent).

CHUNGKING, March 10.—Today's Chinese war communique said fighting continues in the suburbs of Suihwan (Suichwan), formerly the most important American forward airbase east of the Caton-Hankow railway. The Japanese are offering fierce resistance.

AMERICAN ADVANCE EAST OF MANILA

From Gen MacArthur's Headquarters, MANILA, (Saturday): American cavalry have driven into Antipolo, in the hills 14 miles east of Manila, states to-day's 'communique.' Simultaneously the Sixth Division advanced south-west from Montalban. Other forces secured the road net work between Lake Taal and Batangas Bay.

The 'communique' again did not mention Tokio radio reports that American forces have landed in Zamboanga in Mindanao.

Heavy bombers dropped 300 tons of Zamboanga defence points. Fighter bombers struck at Cotabato in Mindanao. One American bomber was lost. Maggar aerodrome at Balikpapan, Borneo was attacked. Nine hundred Japanese bodies were found in one sector of the Zambale's foothills in Luzon.—Reuter.

MARINES PENETRATE JAP LINES IN IWOJIMA

Reuter's special correspondent with the Third Marine Division, Iwojima, March 11:

Marine patrols of the Third Division penetrated Japanese lines and slipped through to the north-eastern beach on Saturday afternoon, thereby splitting the remaining Japanese forces in two as the main Marine forces made general advance towards the coast.

Shukri Kuwatly, President of Syria has arrived in Baghdad on an official visit.

Commonwealth Delegates Favour Leaders' Release

General Agreement That Wavell Should Take Initiative And Resolve Deadlock

LONDON, March 11 (U.P.A.): The Secretary of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Relations Conference, Mr. S. Hasan, left London yesterday by air 'en route' to India.

In a parting interview Mr. Hasan said that the delegation had recognized and agreed upon the following points arising from their mission:

(1) From an international viewpoint, Indian Independence is indispensable.

(2) India—jutting out from the centre of Asia with Australia and South-East Asia on one side and Africa on the other—is the most important strategic bridgehead in the world.

(3) India's war and industrial potential is endangered by the present deadlock.

(4) A free India will be a formidable factor to be reckoned with both in war and peace.

Having met many British political leaders and members of Parliament, Mr. Hasan said that many of them sincerely reiterated the British promise to implement any agreed Indian constitution and also recognised India's right to withdraw from the Commonwealth, if desired.

Mr. Hasan added that in most discussions it was generally agreed that Lord Wavell should take immediate initiative to release prisoners and invite representatives of all parties to a conference to negotiate a settlement.

PINCER DRIVE TO STORM DANZIG & GDYNIA

Zhukov's Last Lap Of Battle For Stettin's Suburb

MOSCOW, March 11 (Reuter): Marshal Rokossovsky's army group taking part in the general speeding-up of the Baltic campaign is today ready to storm Danzig and its polish twinport of Gdynia in an armoured pincer drive, while Marshal Zhukov's men are fighting the last lap of the battle for Stettin's suburb of Altdamm.

Koenigsberg is returning into limelight with Soviet troops concentrating outside the city.

Marshal Rokossovsky's troops are expected to reach the Baltic somewhere between Gdynia and Danzig within the next 24 hours, thereby completely isolating the German forces garrisoned at Danzig, where the local Commander Genl. Steinert is preparing for stubborn resistance.

STETTIN ABLAZE

Stettin, meanwhile, is beginning to burn under a hail of Soviet shells from across the Oder. The flight of the Germans across the river has at some points developed into a panic, with massed Soviet aircraft smashing ferries and pontoons and gunning Germans struggling in the water. practically the whole of Pomerania has now been cleared or trasformed into a mopping-up zone. The principal area of German resistance is now within a relatively small wedge beginning south-east of Danzig and leaning against the north-eastern coast of the Danzig Bay.

News from the beleaguered fortress of Breslau indicates that the Russians are making good progress in their push towards the centre of the city.

REDS SURROUND KOLBERG

BERLIN, March 11.

The German Overseas News Agency reported to-night that Soviet assault columns have broken into Kolberg and surrounded the Baltic seaport, 35 miles east of the Oder estuary.

Forward units of the Red Army in the Danzig area have reached Lauenberg, routing the German garrison in street fighting, says a supplement to to-night's war Communique.

TIEGENHOF CAPTURED

MOSCOW, March 10: The German attempt to break-through to the Danube on the Hungarian front has been frustrated, reports to-night's Soviet 'communique'.

Attacks has been made north-east of Lake Balaton and the 'communique' admits the Germans were wedged slightly into the Red Army's positions though at a cost of heavy losses, including the knocking out of 72 German tanks.

The Red Army made fresh headway in one of its three thrusts towards Danzig by capturing Tiegenhof which is a town 20 miles south-east of the 'free city'. It is also 12 miles east of Elbing on the Elbing-Danzig Road.

The 'communique' reports more than 2,000 German soldiers were captured yesterday in the advance on Stettin.

Russian bombers last night attacked both Danzig and Koenigsberg where the German garrison is still holding out after a long siege. Many fires were caused.

RED ARMY TAKES KARTUZ AND LAUNBERG

Forward units of the Red Army in the Danzig area have reached Lauenberg routing the German garrison in street fighting, says a supplement to tonight's war communique. Lauenberg is a junction of five railways and many roads. Other Soviet units have occupied the railway junction town of Kartuz.—Reuter.

SOVIET MAY PROTEST TO BRITAIN

LONDON, (Saturday): The Soviet Government "can be expected to lodge a protest against the granting of asylum to Gen. Radescu in the Headquarters of the British representative in Bucharest, said a special correspondent writing in "The Observer."

"It is quite possible the leader of the National Peasant Party, Maniu, and the leader of the Liberal Party, Bratianu, may follow the example of the former Premier if both have not been arrested."

CHARGES AGAINST RADESCU

Radescu's step, said the paper, is regarded as an anti-Russian demonstration since it was known that the demand for his dismissal was strongly backed by the Russians.

According to the Moscow statement Radescu when Prime Minister appointed to high posts several officers on the Russian list of war criminals. They included Generals Dumitrache and Nicolaescu who had ordered mass executions of Soviet civilians and prisoners of war. Radescu it is understood, allowed those officers to commit "systematic breaches of the armistice terms."

What is not clear is whether Radescu was accused of neglect or connivance. If the accusations are political "he is entitled to claim asylum. Extradition could be demanded only if he is accused of intelligence with the enemy or placed on the list of war criminals. None of these things has happened so far", declares "The Observer."

MORE FAITH IN POLICEMEN THAN IN YALTA

Maj.-Gen. Spears Criticises Exclusion Of Syria And Lebanon From 'Frisco

CARLISLE (Saturday).—Maj.-Gen. Sir Edward Spears, who until recently was British Minister in Syria, today criticised the invitations to San Francisco in a speech at Carlisle States, he said, which had nothing to do with the war, such as Costa Rica, Haiti, and Liberia were invited but Syria and Lebanon were left out.

He regarded it as a disquieting sign of how small nations might fare at San Francisco and added: "We have to look forward to a world in which "Small Fry" will be kept in order but in which the "Big Boys", guided solely by high moral principles, are to be so kind and just to their weaker neighbours and so wise and fair in their dealings with each other who dispute that no quarrel can ever break up the family party which at the Yalta 'picnic' celebrated the start of its idyllic journey down the peaceful centuries. Personally I have more faith in policemen."—Reuter.

New Balkan Air Force Chief

LONDON Mar. 11 (Reuter) Air Vice-Marshal George Holroyd Mills has been appointed Air Officer Commanding Balkan Air Force. He has served in India and Iraq as well as with the R.A.F. Bomber Command in Britain.

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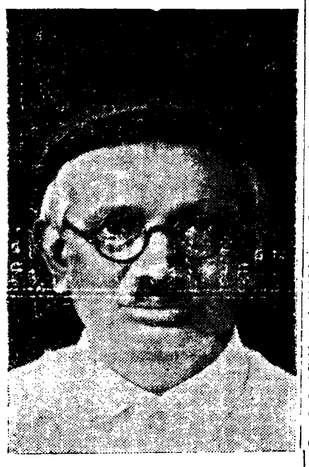

Sheth K. R. P. SHROFF, who performed the opening ceremony of the Bank.

Poet Tagore named it "Bharati Central Bank Ltd." This bank was founded by late Indu Bhushan Datta, Chairman of our Board of Directors, till his death. He was an experienced banking expert in Calcutta as late Mr. Pochkhanawala was in Bombay. On this occasion I pay my homage to these great bankers whose inspiration is still working the minds of Indian bankers.

EARLY BANKING HISTORY

The word "Bank" took its origin from "Banco" or Bench upon which the Jews of Lombardy used to display their changes and coins. Their main function was to change money and to lend it at exorbitant rates. It is said these money-lenders were the first to introduce in Europe "the Bill of Exchange"—a credit instrument, by which the trouble of remitting funds from one place to another is saved. It was these Lombardy Bankers who virtually planted in the whole of Europe seeds of banking. In England banking began to take shape actually from 1345.

The profession of money-lending, money-changing and trade in valuables can be traced even up to Vedic period. In early Indian history the money-lenders have been called Seths, Shroffs and Saukars who are said to have carried on roaring business in banking. Hindu Law-Giver Manu devoted a section of his Works to the question of banking, deposits and pledges. The Jain bankers somewhere between 1197 and 1247 A.D. carried on banking business proper. From the early Vedic period right through the Mogul period, as well as, during the East India Company's rule, we find records and evidences of our conducting banking business operations, viz., accepting deposits, granting loans against pledges and securities, as well as lending money to a Seth or a King. During the Mogul period the indigenous bankers began to finance local trade and use all instruments of trade. Aurangzeb conferred the title of "Seth" on the most prominent bankers of his Empire. Jagat Seth or the Bankers of the World, was the most important and solvent banker, who rendered great assistance to the British, in their early days of advent in India. Lord Clive had great intimacy with this leading banker of the time. The revenue of the East India Company was collected by these indigenous bankers—especially those belonging to Bengal. Our old indigenous bankers, viz., the Vaishyas, the Jains, the Marwaris, the Chetti, the Khatris, the Auroras and the Multanis have survived up to this day and even now they are the largest financiers of our country in spite of the development of banking on Western model.

MODERN SCIENTIFIC BANKING

Modern banking with the aim of developing, financing and backing the trade, industry and commerce of the country began in Europe in the 15th Century, whereas in India, it took shape only by the end of 19th Century and from the beginning of 20th century. So the guiding principle of modern banking, viz., investment only against tangible security and only for productive purposes was being strictly followed in the western countries long before India accepted it as the soundest and safest policy to utilise public funds. It is England that stands as the birth-place of several big banks of the world, viz., the Midland Bank (Estd. 1836) with over 2,000 branches in England and Wales, Paid-up Capital £1,42,48,012|-, Reserve Fund £11,500,000|- and Working Capital £46,25,20,000|- is the biggest and the oldest bank: The particulars of four other banks are given below:

Name of the bank with the year established.	Branches (Over)	Paid-up Capital. £	Reserve Fund. £	Working Capital. £
			('000 Omitted)	
Lloyds (1765)	1900	15,810|-	8,500|-	4,43,883|-
Barclays (1729)	2000	15,858|-	10,250|-	4,13,407|-
Westminster (1834)	1000	9,320|-	9,320|-	3,62,768|-
National Provl. (1633)	1300	9,480|-	8,000|-	3,21,590|-

The total Paid-up Capital of the 'Big Five' nearly comes to £6,47,36,000|-, that is taking 15 rupees for a sovereign, it comes to about Ninety-Seven Crores of rupees. Whereas the total Authorised Capital of the "ten leading Indian banks" is hardly twenty to twenty-five crores. In Working Capital, they are far behind the "Big Five" of England, a land one-twentieth and one-tenth of India respectively in area and population. Now let us examine some obvious results that follow these differences. India is a vast country with inexhaustible agricultural and mineral resources. Rice, wheat, barley, oil-seeds, sugar and tea, opium, indigo, jute, timber, mica, iron and coal—India has been bestowed with enough of them. In spite of our having all these we have not been able to build in our own country a single ship, a single locomotive or a single motor car, not to speak of an aeroplane. Whereas countries having as many and even in some cases less resources are producing all gifts of modern science by several millions a year as we find in the production quota of airplanes cars, etc. of U.S.A. and England and that too under the war conditions. Gentlemen, not only the latches on the part of the Government but also our inability, inaptitude or apathy to utilise timely the hoarded wealth of our country in a sound and organised fashion has led to our protracted backwardness.

I have heard from some quarters that Indian cities are overbanked. But once you give a deepened thought to the facts, that I am shortly coming to that belief is sure to go away:

Out of about 2,000 important places in India, only 515 of them enjoy the facility of one or more banks. Today the deposit per head in India is a little over Rs. 6 and 11 as. against Rs. 141|- in Germany, Rs. 144|- in Switzerland, Rs. 776|- in England and Rs. 878|- in the U.S.A. The smallness of our deposit per head reflects more the lack of banking facilities than the poverty of our country. The figures of population and number of square miles per banking office amply proves this:

	India	England & Wales.	U.S.A.
Density of population	127	685	37.2
Sq. miles per banking office	1392	5.79	242.6
Population per Banking Office	2,76,000	3900	7900
Deposit per head	Rs. 7	Rs. 776	Rs. 878

Of course some might attribute this poor state of things to our low 'per capita' income but we as bankers have seen that the poor are more thrifty and they want to increase their savings, if possible, by any means whereas the rich often, if not always, sink major part of their wealth in precious metals or in vaults.

In our country there are 2,350 banking and loan companies. Of these only 160 have capital and reserve of Rs. 1|- lac and more. Out of 1,500 branches, head offices and agencies in existence, in India, there are 99 Exchange Banks, 170 offices of Imperial Bank of India, 275 joint stock banks and the rest are loan companies. The position of we bankers does not seem to be as steady as it was a couple of years ago in the eye of the public in spite of the fact it is the bankers that are running the blood through the veins of country's industry, trade and commerce.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND BANKING

We have in our previous section all along retrospected on our inability to utilise banking for the greater interest of our country. Now we should see if there is any more chance for the Indian people to derive all the benefits the Western Nations have done by improving banking facilities in their country on a huge scale. Gentlemen, you will see eye to eye with me when I say war in spite of its miseries, evils and bloodshed, when once over fills the atmosphere with an air of security and peace. It is this atmosphere that encourages people in society to reconstruct and rebuild their broken life again. Reconstruction and remodellment which follow in the wake of war, surpasses all our ideas at other times. In case of India too we are expecting a great renovation, rejuvenation and complete remodelling of our agriculture, trade, industry and commerce. Of course, in the post-war period, deflation of currency and consequent fall in price-levels and gradual liquidation of State loans will follow naturally. Gentlemen, if at that time, proper and abundant banking facilities are offered to our enterprising youth they would create an "utopia" in the Indian economic history. It is from this moment that we should all be up and doing to see that all our wealth and resources lying unused and idle are marshalled and put to better use for advancing the interest of our country in trade, agriculture and industry—which, if successful, is sure to buy for us one day our political freedom. It is only financial institutions like bank and insurance companies that are in a position to gather the idle capital of the country and utilise it in a sound way for producing more national wealth. Recently, though there is a good tendency on the part of the Indian public to close business operations with the western banks like Lloyds etc., yet the growth of banking is not receiving much encouragement from the Government. Well, they are mad after checking what they call mush-room growth of banks. But should they not better be active to check mismanagement, dishonesty and recklessly speculating habit of certain banks, instead of putting obstacles in the way of all banks, good or bad—which certainly means to cut the root itself of a tree that is going to foster economic development in Post-War India.

Mr. N. C. DATTA, M.A., B.L., Managing Director.

STERLING BALANCES AND STATE HELP

Nationalisation of industries is impossible without the nationalisation of Government. In any view of the case State help is essential. The first thing necessary for the prosperity of India's trade and industry is our rightful place as a self-governing unit in the world economic union. There are still tremendous possibilities of improving the agricultural economy of India and I agree with Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Retrg. President of Fdrn. of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in suggesting to the authorities that, as soon as the exigencies of war relax, they should consult the Soviet experts by arranging visit to India of some selected men with technical knowledge for studying our condition and applying their experience to our benefit. I am fully alive to the fact that the ultimate advancement of the country's prosperity would be conditioned by the measure of development attained in this agricultural economy and the agricultural credits offered by the national banking institutions in the post-war period will be regarded as the most valuable contribution to the growth and development of national resources.

Regarding India's Sterling Credits I am firmly of the opinion that while the post-war monetary policy in India must be one of co-operation in general objectives and broad policy, with any international monetary organisation that may be set up, India, in offering such co-operation, should guard against any diminution of sovereign powers, inherent in a nation, to pursue an exchange and currency policy suited to our own particular national needs and interest without subordinating such interest to British policy in the post-war period. India should not participate in the International Monetary Fund and Indian banks should neutralise themselves from the affair unless a solution of India's Sterling Credit quite satisfactory to the needs and interest is arrived at between India and England.

I am very sorry to see the increasing strain upon India's economic resources through the ever-growing purchases of United Nations in India not being paid in the manner best suited to her needs and interest and I request the Government to take immediate step to relieve India from any further burden by entering into an agreement with the United Nations providing for easy convertibility of sterling into dollars and other foreign currencies to facilitate the import of plant, machinery and materials for the economic developments of the country and to secure an undertaking under the agreement for compensation in the event of the depreciation of the sterling. I suggest the Empire Dollar Pool should be dissolved at once and all dollars as and when they become available through trade balance or otherwise with the U. S. A. should be credited to the account of India. It is not only to talk of liquidating these balances. We must also think in terms of the time also within which these liabilities are squared up. We all must see that they are liquidated.

Mr. R. L. Joshi, M.A. (Econ.), General Manager.

The Indian industries are not only to maintain their present position in the foreign market but also to secure the increasing share of this market in the post-war period. The Government should offer the closest and sincerest co-operation to India's post-war industrialisation programme. I do not agree with Sir T. Ainscough, Trade Commissioner for India, Burma and Ceylon, that India should pay for capital goods by raw materials and food-stuffs and not by adjustment of sterling balance. The British Government must recognise India's post-war demands in order to make India a great industrial power and India should not long be a market for trade exploitation by any nation whatsoever. In order to bring India up to the level of modern countries it is necessary to put up vast industries under a scientific plan, similar to the one shown in Soviet Russia.... Indian industry must develop a sound technical and economic life and the British industry should be willing to make big readjustments and we must base the plan of industrialisation in post-war for the interest of the Indian masses instead of Indian industrialists and capitalists.

BANKING FUNCTION.

As regards the duty and function of a banker I would like to make one point very clear that bankers are not merely moneylender. They must have 'superior ideology of their own. I am not very happy with the modern definition of banking which confines the duties of a banker to only receiving deposits and allowing its withdrawal by means of cheques, drafts and orders. Bankers' main function ought to be receiving, collecting and accumulating all unused, idle and hoarded capital resources of the country not only for greater economic and industrial prosperity but also for the safety and protection of the public wealth and that capital and deposits should be invested to all and every kind of industrial concerns, trade-centres, commercial undertakings on sound and secured basis thereby insuring, firstly, the security of public moneys, secondly fair gain to depositors and lastly solvency and profit-making of banking concerns. A banker will be agent-cum-trustee of depositors and the safest minister to take counsel from in matters of laying out money by way of investment. This is my conception of modern banking, in the truest sense of the term. If we Indians, practically new beginners of banking fail to realise the outlook and ideology of banking as I have given above we cannot expect to build up a commercial India stronger in trade, industry and in all other aspects, national, social and political.

BANKING PERSONNEL

It is increasingly realised that the success of present day institutions both financial and commercial depends in great measure on the staff employed. This applies to banking institutions, as much as to any other line of business. To secure the best type of youngmen the prospects must be altruistic. It used to be considered that banking as an occupation or profession was monotonous and uninteresting and that the salaries to beginners were small. But it is my strong belief, that banking gives interest only to him who wants to go into it for its own sake. The efficiency and soundness is arrived at only when there is a feeling of friendship and co-operation among the employers and employees. Almost all Indian employers actually inherit the capitalistic mentality as soon as they come to occupy the top seat over some men. By this I don't mean that office strictness and discipline should be injured in any way. But without a sympathetic understanding, without recognition of an employee's integrity and intelligence and without frequent inspiration from his boss the employee can never be expected to give his full efforts and exert himself always in the interest of the Institution. And as I have said before the remuneration of a banker is very meagre. Whereas the cloth mill or a factory with a paid-up capital of ten lacs can reap five to six lacs net profits yearly, a bank dealing with crores either as share capital or as deposits cannot make a net profit of more than a couple of lacs and that too if he is lucky. Thus it is obvious the labour a bank personnel has to undergo is great and also the responsibility he has to undertake is serious yet his remuneration is scanty. They deserve much more sympathy from the public too. And the employers should also understand that it is practically these underpaid staffs who are conducting the whole show with risk and hard labour on their own shoulder. They are certainly to be better fed and better clothed and their grievances redressed. Cordiality, sympathy and appreciation can only win their hearts and merits.

BANKING INVESTMENT

Regarding banking investment I would simply like to strike here a note of caution to my brethren as well as to the public that immediately in the post-war period at least a temporary trade depression is inevitable and its impact will tell unfavourably on those banks who inspite of their good management and honesty do not observe the 'safety-first' policy in parting with the funds from the bank's coffer in secured, sound and readily realisable investments, which is the key-note of banking success. And it will be long before the conditions are adjusted and we plunge ourselves into the post-war remodelling of our economic structure. Yet we as bankers have got to justify our existence by offering adequate services to the public in competition with our rivals and at the same time earn profits normal to banking enterprise.

CONCLUSION

I earnestly desire that Bharati should give its own introduction by its sound, efficient and faithful services to you all. Bharati is not a new bank started yesterday but it is a bank of 15 years standing and progressing slowly but steadily guided by scientific rules and methods. It has branches all over Assam, Bengal, Bihar, C. P. and in U. P. To-day Bengal is linked with Bombay.

Before I conclude I should tell you that for a big office in Bombay and for the whole of Bombay Presidency a very efficient, intelligent and highly educated and experienced man should be posted to pilot the organisation with all credit and reputation and I firmly believe that I am not wrong in appointing Mr. R. L. Joshi, M.A. (Econ.) as General Manager for the whole of Bombay Presidency. I know you all admit that Mr. Joshi is a sound man of wide outlook, high education and ripe experience in banking and commerce. I have honoured him with the prize-post which I hope he will prove himself worthy of to the entire satisfaction of the public and the management of the bank. Now, gentlemen, I must frankly tell you that your prompt response, co-operation and goodwishes are the real assets of the Institution and let this national Institution of Indians be well-established under your patronage and guidance and thank you once again.

—BANDE MATARAM.

It has been said that trade follows flag. In the light of our experience it would be more in keeping with facts to-day that trade follows banking.

Treatment To Negroes Creates Tension In Los Angeles

WASHINGTON, March 10—Representative Adam Clayton Powell of New York said yesterday that he informed Secretary of the Navy Forrestal that "there was increasing tension among citizens of Los Angeles" because of the treatment of Negroes in the 34th Sea Bee battalion stationed at Port Hueneme, California.

Powell, a first-term negro Congressman, wired Mr. Forrestal "the responsibility for the next move is up to you."—U.P.A.

NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS ELECTIONS.

DURBAN, March 8: It is authoritatively stated that the Natal Indian Congress elections have been postponed indefinitely by the Congress Committee.

An official statement by the Anti-Segregation Council says: "The postponement of the elections will give the present Congress officials a new lease of life for an indefinite period. This is disastrous to the community in view of the new developments.—Reuter.

PARIS, March 10 (A.P.)—The Quai D'Orsay announced the opening of separate diplomatic relations with Australia and exchange of Ministers with that Commonwealth.

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the Silver Jubilee Tuberculosis Hospital, Delhi, after defying an order of the Central Government prohibiting her from being in the province of Delhi, but in view of the grave opinion that the doctor had given regarding the state of her health. The Government of India had decided to cancel the orders against her and her mother prohibiting them from being in Delhi without the permission of the Chief Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner had also decided not to proceed with the case against Srimati Satyavati for defiance of that order.—A. P.

HOMOEOPATHY COME TO STAY

Justice Bhagwati's Plea For Government Support

An appeal to Homoeopaths to take to the study of their system of medicine in all earnestness, and in the absence of Government support make it more acceptable to the public was made by Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagvati who presided over the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Bombay Homoeopathic Association which was held at the Convocation Hall on Sunday evening.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay who inaugurated the celebrations observed that more and more people were coming to believe in the efficacy of the Homoeopathy to cure diseases. It was however surprising that this useful system had not so far received the due recognition from the Government.

In India as elsewhere, there was so much of suffering due to lack of medical men, and Homoeopaths would not hesitate to place all their services at the disposal of the large number of suffering and alleviate their distress.

Mr. Justice Bhagwati in the course of his presidential address said that Homoeopathy, as a system of medicine had come to stay in the country, and its rise in popularity was a matter which concerned the practitioners in the first place. It was left to them to prove that their system was also as good if not better as others. It was also essential that men should be properly trained, so that the public could be protected from the recklessness of quacks. If Government support was not forthcoming, still it could cater to the needs of the public, from whose satisfaction alone real popularity for the system could arise. He hoped that the rich, the philanthropic and the monied classes would help the system with liberal donations, and see that a college and hospital were started for the furtherance of their studies.

Various speakers spoke on the occasion, eulogising the merits of Homoeopathy.

Earlier Mr. N. C. Vakil, Vice-President of the Association in his welcome speech traced the history of the Association.

Lease-Lend Silver

No Replacing Of Rupee Notes By Coins

NEW DELHI, March 9.

The total outlay on Prisoners of War in India to the end of 1944-45 was estimated at Rs. 28 crores in round figures, said the War Secretary Mr. C. M. Trivedi in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar in the Assembly today. The expenditure was borne wholly by H.M.G. and was not therefore provided for under any of the heads in the Indian Defence Services budget.

There was no restriction on the remittance of funds in either direction between the United Kingdom and India, said the Finance Member in reply to the same member. There was a larger movement of funds from the U. K. to India than in the opposite direction, he added.

The number of rupee notes and coins in circulation was almost equal at present, said the Finance Member in reply to Mr. Anantha Sayenam Ayyangar. The average cost of paper and printing of a rupee note was two-thirds of a pie. Under present conditions it was difficult to estimate the average life of one, five and ten rupee notes. The average life of a rupee coin was estimated at fifty years.

Q: Do Government propose to replace the Rupee Note with the rupee coin out of the silver obtained from U.S.A. under lease-lend?

Ans: No, but it is our policy to improve the proportion of coin to notes as far as possible.

ORDERS AGAINST SATYAVATI

The Home Member informed Mr. Abdul Qaiyum that Srimati Satyavati had had tuberculosis for a long time and was now under arrest in

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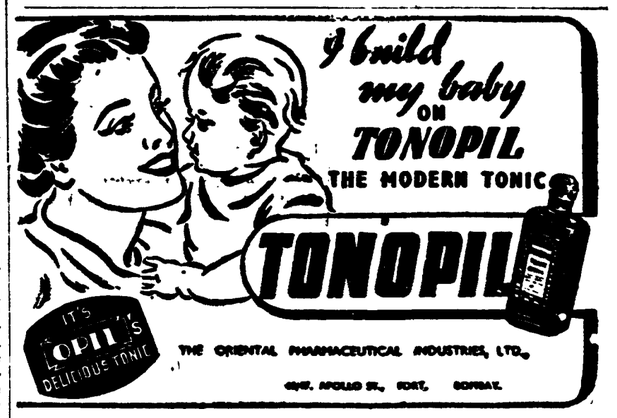

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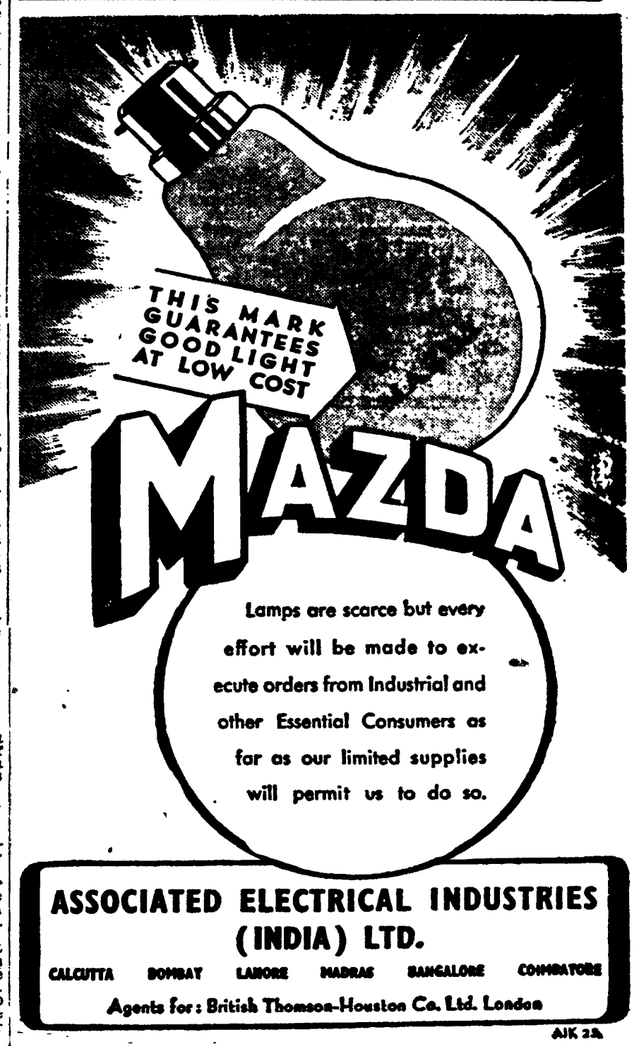
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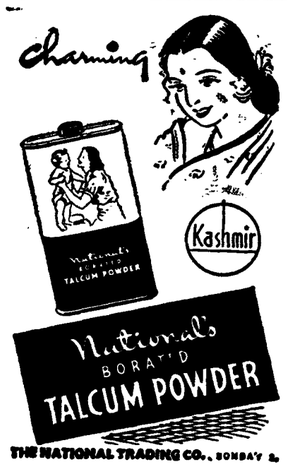

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Hightide: 11-31, 24-18
Lowtide: 5-45, 17-33
Municipal Corporation 2 p m (B.T.)

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

P. E. N. PUBLIC LECTURE: Pandita Kshamabai Row, Sanskrit poetess, will lecture in English under P.E.N. auspices at 6-15 p m today on "The Cultural and Social Status of Indian Women in Vedic and Mediaeval Times" Prof. A. B. Gajendragadkar will preside. The lecture will be in the Royal Asiatic Society rooms at the Town Hall.

INTER RELIGIOUS CONVENTION: At Sunderabai Hall today 6 p m President: The Rt. Hon Dr. M. R. Jayakers; Prayer by: Prof. Satyavrata Sidhanta Alankar; Presidential address; Speakers: Rev. James Kellock; Mrs. Maclean; Swami Dharmateertha and Dr. N. Ramanathan. Question Hour and Swami Sharvanandaji's Benedictory Speech; Concluding remarks from the chair Announcements and thanksgiving by Swami Sambuddhananda.

STUDY CLASS FOR CONGRESS WORKERS': Under the joint auspices of Matunga and Sion Congress Samitis, there will be a study class for Congress workers at Pioneer Middle School, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga G.I.P. Mr. Adam Adil will speak on Congressmen and communal unity today.

NOEL COWARD PLAY TO BE STAGED BY A.D.C.: Once again the Amateur Dramatic Circle is launching out with a new Production "BLITHE SPIRIT" by Noel Coward.

There will be two performances—on Sunday (18th March) and Sunday (25th March) at 10 a m at the New Empire.

'A' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: At a meeting of the A Ward District Congress Committee held on Saturday the 10th instant at the Committee's Office Sri Madhav Menon was unanimously elected Joint Secretary of the Committee in the place of Mr. S. H. Jhabwala, M.L.A. resigned. It was also decided to speed up the membership enrolement campaign and to start spinning centres in the Ward.

At the meeting Mr. S. K. Patil explained to the members the future plan of work.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN DISTRICT ELECTORAL ROLLS

The first publication is made today (March 12) of the electoral rolls for four Bombay Suburban District constituencies of the Central Legislative Assembly —The Bombay Northern Division (non-Muhammadan rural) Bombay Northern Division (Muhammadan rural), Bombay (European) and Gujarat and Deccen Sardar and Inamdars (Landholders).

The rolls are published at the office of the Collector, Bombay Suburban District, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, the Mamlatdar's office, Andheri; the Municipal offices at Bandra, Andheri, Juhu, Ghatkopar and Kurla; the Notified Area Committees' offices at Malad, Borivli and Kandivli; and in the villages not included in a Municipality or Notified Area Committee.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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MONDAY, March 12.

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"AFFRONT TO NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS"

Anti-Segregation Council Cables To Mahatma, Viceroy And Sastri Exposed

DURBAN, March 10: The Natal Indian Congress states that cables sent to the Viceroy of India, Dr. Khare, the Rt. Hon. V. S. Sastri, Mahatma Gandhi and others by the Chairman and Representatives of the Anti-Segregation Council make certain claims and accusations which it wishes immediately to rebut.

The Congress says, it is claimed that the Indian Community is strongly opposed to the Pretoria Agreement and that this agreement was negotiated by Kajee-Pather group without a mandate as a betrayal of the rights of occupation. This statement is inaccurate, it declares. The Pretoria Agreement was reached by the Union Government and the Congress, and at every stage the Congress Executive and the Working Committee were kept fully informed.

"It is true that there were opponents to the Pretoria Agreement in the Congress Committee, but these opponents were in a minority as can be seen from the records of the Congress resolutions and meetings. These members and their followers then formed what was called the anti-Segregation Council and in defiance of the constitution carried on political work on parallel lines to the Congress. This organisation includes Communists anxious to capture control in order to unite with other non-European bodies in the struggle for universal franchise and to convert the Indian policy to a militant non-European struggle. The action of the members of the Anti-Segregation Council is a repetition of the action taken by the same people, when in 1940 the Indian (the Natal Indian) Association of which they were members resolved to support the nation's war effort."

"These people objected and formed what they called the Nationalist Bloc in opposition to the Natal Indian Association's war effort. The association expelled them from its organisation, and later when Russia entered the war, they appealed to be readmitted and declared themselves with the Communists as pro-war for the Allied cause.

Secondly, their cable implies that the elections were adjourned by the Congress Committee for sinister reasons. The elections were adjourned as a result of the decision taken by a majority of 89 against 14 votes at a fully representative meeting of the Congress Working Committee. The reasons for the decision were that the present Congress constitution allows election of officials by a show of hands or at best by ballot which under the present constitution can only lead to chaos and confusion. The claim that this decision was an attempt to gain political advantages is false. To publish this implication by cable to prominent persons abroad is an affront to the whole Congress Committee as constituted now, which is the most representative of the Indian Community and which has arrived at its decision in a strictly democratic manner."—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON CLOTH PRINTING

Ban On Acquisition Of Machines: Govt. Fix Working Time-Limit

The Government of India have restricted the activities of those who are engaged in printing of cloth, procurement of cloth for printing and disposal of printed cloth.

The notification provides that no one can acquire a cloth printing machine after March 6, 1945, and no owner of a printing machine may work it for more than 11 hours a day. Mills and powerloom factories owning a printing machine are prohibited from printing any of the cloth produced by them nor can they send out their production for machine or hand-printing. No such mill or factory not having a printing machine can get more than 7 per cent of its total cloth production printed outside, only 5 per cent of its total production being allowed to be hand-printed. No owner of a printing machine can purchase cloth for printing though he is permitted to print cloth on a contract basis. No dealer in cloth can get his cloth printed without the permission of the Provincial or State textile authorities concerned. The notification introduces various restrictions on the kinds of cloth which can be printed and the colours that can be used.

Acquitted Of Murder

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sen and a Special Jury.)
Emperor
vs.
Bhima Fakirappa ..... Accused.

The accused was charged with having throttled one Daniel Tayappa to death in the early hours of 14th November last. One of the prosecution witnesses deposed to having flashed a torch on hearing a groan and to having actually seen the accused throttling the deceased.

The defence case was that the deceased was attempting to violate the chastity of the accused's wife while she had gone out of her hut early in the morning to answer the call of nature when the accused saw them, that as a result of this grave and sudden provocation a struggle ensued as a result of which the deceased met his death. The accused therefore also raised the plea of self-defence.

The jury unanimously found the accused not guilty of murder or of any lesser offence. His Lordship thereupon acquitted the accused.

Mr. M. S. Pandit and the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. H. J. B. Chinoy, defended the accused.

Bombay Government Gazette

Mr W G Hulland I C S, Collector of Poona, is granted leave on average pay ex-India for six months from 18th February 1945. On return from leave, Mr. Hulland is reposted as Collector of Poona.

The leave granted to Col. G. Bhandari I.M.S. is extended by two months.

With effect from 15th Feb. 1945, the creation of a temporary post of Assistant Statistician (Research) in the Finance Department (Supply) is created for a period of six months in the first instance and Mr. V. M. Dandekar, M A (Statistics) is appointed to hold it

Alleged Assault By Armed Pathans

65-year old Jethunabi Jan gave her evidence on Thursday morning at the Coroner's Court when the inquest was resumed on the deaths of (1) Devraj Dwarka petty coal-Merchant, (2) Dhondu Fakira and (3) Fazaluddin, the last two of whom worked in a timber depot.

The woman stated that on Feb. 8 afternoon she went to Coal Bunder. There she saw Jahidkhan, the first accused sitting in front of a woman selling sugarcane and teasing her. She remonstrated when the accused snatched her bag and walked away. She followed him and asked him to give it back when he kicked her.

Some labourers of Coal Bunder who saw the incident came to her rescue and one of them slapped the accused. The accused went away. Later, he came along with a number of Pathans armed with bamboos and sticks who started an indiscriminate assault. She got frightened and ran away.

Eight persons were arrested in this connection.

STRIKE WAVE IN BRITAIN

Busmen In Tyneside Towns Cease Work

LONDON, March 10.—Strikes in five areas of Britain this week-end are paralysing bus transport, lowering coal production and affecting vital war factories output.

Three thousand drivers and conductors of buses covering several Tyneside towns ceased work today in a dispute over new running schedules and brought transport practically to a standstill over a wide area. War workers travelling to and from factories and soldiers on leave from the western front were stranded at Newcastle all day long.

SIT-DOWN STRIKES IN FACTORIES

Sit-down strikes are in operation in two factories in the Midlands—the Morris Commercial Works in Birmingham, where three thousand workers are passing time playing cards and smoking and the Boulton Paul Aircraft works at Wolverhampton.

Thirteen hundred firemen are still striking in the Scottish coal mines thus keeping all other coal workers in the affected areas idle. However, firemen are "trickling back" and it is hoped there will be full resumption of work on Monday.

Sixteen hundred miners at the Whitburn Colliery, Durham, are also remaining on strike owing to a pay dispute. The miners are holding a meeting tomorrow to discuss the situation.—United Press of America.

GERMAN PLAN FOR WORLD WAR III

NEW YORK, March 10: German "blue prints" for the Third World War call for complete destruction of United States war plants within three weeks or a month through the use of perfected robot bombs, says Paul Gallico, writing in the "Cosmopolitan Magazine."

The German planners believe that, having accomplished such destruction, they will be able to set out on their final world looting expedition at leisure.

"We can either stop them now" he says, "when power and potentialities are within our grasp, or we can begin at once to move our cities and our industries underground."—Globe.

Jailed For Taking Bribe

KARACHI, March 11: Mr. B. L. Kalyanpur, Inspector of Civil Supplies Department, Sukkur, was convicted and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 or in default six months more imprisonment on charge of having taken bribe of Rs. 10,000 from a merchant on a promise of manipulating the cotton seed prices.

Mr. Kalyanpur was placed in 'B' class and another accused, Babu Rao, a broker who was charged with having assisted Kalyanpur was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 and or undergo imprisonment of six months. He paid the fine—A. P.

CONFIDENCE IN U. P. LEAGUE LEADERS

Ismail Khan And Khaliquzaman Asked To Reconsider

LUCKNOW, March 11.

A resolution expressing full confidence in the leadership of Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan and requesting him to reconsider his decision to resign from the presidentship of the U. P. provincial Muslim League was unanimously adopted by the Working Committee of Provincial League which met at Mahmudabad House, Lucknow, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Lari, M.L.A.

The Committee considered for two and a half hours the resignations tendered by Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan from the presidentship and Chaudhri H. Khaliquzaman from the membership of the Working Committee of the U. P. Provincial Muslim League.

In view of its requests to Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan to reconsider his resignation, the meeting postponed consideration of the resignation of Chaudhri Khaliquzaman and requested him to attend the next meeting of the Working Committee to be held at Meerut on March 18.—A. P.

Muslim League Leader For Peshawar

LAHORE, March 11.

Kazi Mohamed Isa, member of the All-India Muslim League Committee of Action, left for Peshawar last night.

Significance attaches to his visit to Peshawar in view of the situation created by the motion of no confidence to be moved by the Congress Party in the Frontier Assembly tomorrow.—United Press.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 11.

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours, LMT, on 8/3/45.

Allahabad 79 52 0, BOMBAY 91 69 0, Calcutta 87 61 0, Cawnpore 79 54 0, Cuttack 93 65 0, Darjeeling 60 43 0, Delhi 78 47 0, Debra Dun 75 46 0, Jacobabad 83 46 0, Karachi 85 61 0, Lahore 73 43 0, Lucknow 81 50 0, Madras 86 71 0, Nagpur 91 61 0, Patna 78 51 0, Peshawar 74 42 0, Shillong 70 45 0, Simla 56 44 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Racialism is a myth, and a dangerous myth. It is cloak for selfish economic aims which in their uncloaked nakedness would look ugly enough. And it is not scientifically grounded.

—Julian Huxley.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

How utterly the Government of India has lost the Confidence of the people is demonstrated by, among other things, the series of defeats inflicted on it recently by the Central Legislature. That fact attracted notice in the House of Commons and in answer to a question Mr. Amery admitted that the Government of India had been defeated six times in the present budget session of the Assembly. Since then there have been more defeats and there will be many more in the next few days. The most decisive of the last week's defeats was the adoption by the Assembly of the censure motion, sponsored by the Congress refusing supplies to the Executive Council. It was censure of the administration in general, and not of any particular department. Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, who moved the resolution, made it clear that the vote of censure was not merely against the Government of India but in a way against the British Government "whose agents were the Government of India". And even the Indian members of the Central Government scrupulously maintained the position of agents, their masters' voice being unmistakable. In fairness be it said they did not call themselves a National Government. But Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan felt it necessary to criticise strongly Lord Wavell's reference to the present Government as a National Government. By no stretch of imagination he said, could this Government be termed a National Government. "Give up this pretence", he added, "why do you want to deceive the world by such pretences. Do not think that the world consists of fools and you are the only wiseman. The world knows that the Government of India has neither the backing nor the goodwill nor the co-operation of the people". The Government of India also knows what the world knows.

Much of the debate on the motion turned on the continuing regime of repression. The Government of India is so much accustomed to throw people into jail by hundreds and thousands and so much demoralised by its own unceasing repression that the Home Member very complacently remarked that at present "only" 1,500 persons were detained without trial for political reasons. He evidently regarded it as a small affair. If a British minister acted and spoke in that way he would be immediately sacked for playing with men's liberty. For the British people would judge imprisonments less by their number than their unlawful character —at any rate in dealing with their own countrymen. But to the British Home Member of the Government of India dealing with India, 1,500 men in detention for years without a trial, seem a trivial thing, though they include men who in free India would undoubtedly be members of the Government of India. Considering Gandhiji's explanation of the Congress resolution of August 1942, his declaration that at present he would not embarrass the Government with any mass civil disobedience even if it were possible for him to do this, and his instructions to all Congress workers that they should engage themselves at present solely in constructive work, considering all this, does it not occur to the Britishers and others who have a stake in the war that the indefinite detention of Congress leaders is most unhelpful to war propaganda? Does it not occur to those people that the endless defeats of the Government of India in the Assembly are a clear proof of the deep and spreading discontent in the country?

In a debate on another censure motion—carried, of course—Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Member for Post-War Planning, tried the Amery device of exploiting party and communal differences by remarking that, though the Congress and the League both supported the motion, they had conflicting motives. But that device is by now sufficiently discredited. Promptly came the rejoinder from the League leader Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan: "Let me tell the Hon. member that, whatever our difference may be, on one fundamental point there is complete agreement; that is to annihilate the so many apologies for Hitler sitting over there". The many successive defeats of Government in the Assembly, in their context of universal discontent in the country, constitute an unmistakable writing on the wall. For those concerned to ignore it is a grievous disservice to the common cause of victory for democracy, freedom and world peace.

Frankly Speaking

League's Dilemma

As a Sind Muslim Leaguer is reported to have told the Associated Press, the Ministerial situation is again in the melting pot. There are conflicting reports as to the reaction of the League High Command to inclusion of an Azad Muslim as a Minister. But whichever report is correct, the League High Command and Sir Ghulam Husain are faced with a serious dilemma. If the Azad Muslim is accepted on his terms—and he has publicly refused any other terms—the League will have struck one of the deadliest blows at its very foundation. If the Azad Muslim is dismissed, the Ghulam Husain Ministry is destroyed because, among other reasons, the Syed-Ghulam Husain breach bad enough from the very beginning and rendered worse by Mr. Jinnah's angry denunciation of Mr. Syed, cannot be healed. It is a serious dilemma because the League High Command sets a high value on office.

Japan And Indo-China

The Japanese move in Indo-China does not cause any surprise. The rapidly developing crisis compelled the Japs to act. They cannot afford to take any risks. What has yet to become clear is whether the higher French authorities, Admiral Decoux and his immediate colleagues have been hostile to the Japs out of patriotism or just because they find, as the Japs allege, that the anti-Axis forces are on top. We have doubts about the patriotism of the Admiral. But we have little doubt that many Frenchmen and Indo-Chinese have been anti-Jap and are resisting Japanese orders even though it is a hopeless struggle. The formal and complete occupation of Indo-China, though natural, is, however, not going to help the Japanese much. If and when the Americans invade the country they will do so in too great a strength to need local military assistance in order to overrun it. The Japs can by their present move do nothing more than slightly influence the speed of the process.

Devastating Raid

What is at the moment more interesting in the Far East war is not so much Tokio's coup in Indo-China as the American blow on Tokio. The greatest number of Super Forts, 300 of them have dropped the heaviest load, 1,000 tons, of fire bombs on the capital. One recalls an incident in the Battle of Britain when in the words of the Air Ministry the Germans made a deliberate attempt "to burn the city of London." It was horrible. And yet the load dropped by the Germans bears no comparison to what Tokio received the other day. Reconnaissance reveals that some fifteen square miles of the city had become a sea of flames. It appears that the Emperor's Palace itself burnt for seventeen hours before the fire was put out. What would have been the extent and magnitude of the devastation wrought by that raid and what would it be when these raids are repeated on an increasing scale both in numbers of aircraft and in the weight of bombs! If the last conflagration is any measure of the effectiveness of the new strategy of air offensive there will very soon be left few Japanese cities not completely ruined and destroyed. And it is almost on the morning of the great fire that the Jap Diet is meeting to hear a report from the Cabinet. The American blow was well timed and provides the most lurid and realistic background to the Diet Session.

The Princes' "Case"

Mir Maqbool Mahmud is visiting England as a member of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Relations Conference. But he is also Secretary of the Princes Chamber. It is, therefore, quite natural that, while there he should take the opportunity to enlighten at least such sections of the British public as are sympathetic on the political position of Indian Princes. He found an audience in "the Imperial Studies Committee of the Royal Empire Society," presided over by Sir Stanley Reed. We have no objection to Mir Maqbool Mahmud's effort to explain the situation from the Princes' point of view. The Princes and their Secretary have a perfect right to it. But what exactly did he say? Mir Maqbool Mahmud referred to the recent resignations of the Chancellor and members of the Standing Committee and repudiated the suggestion of any "personal difficulty between the Viceroy and the Princes." But that was, of course, not all. The operative part of his speech consisted of an emphasis on the relations of the Princes with the Crown and a plea that such relationship could not be transferred to a third party without their consent. We do not know whether Mir Maqbool Mahmud has been adequately reported. But if this is all the case of the Princes then, considering the implications of his advocacy, their Highnesses should not complain if their country and their countrymen declined to sympathise with their case and even deplored it.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It raineth alike on the silk and cotton umbrella.

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A man can get his wife's attention by talking in his sleep.

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A man with a grievance never misses an opportunity to mention it.

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Chickens that come home to roost have more sense than some people.

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The more experience a man has in making resolutions the poorer the quality he turns out.

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Every man has a threefold nature—that which he has, that which he exhibits and that which he thinks he has.

Refuse Depots In The City

With reference to the recent discussion in the Bombay Municipal Corporation regarding refuse depots in the city, I have the honour to state that there is a refuse depot in the Calicut Street, Fort, the existence of which has become most unbearable to the residents of the locality. A large quantity of refuse is brought and dumped at this depot by hand-carts and the refuse is allowed to deteriorate therein for two or three days with the result that a nauseating smell emanates from this depot. The refuse is usually removed from the depot by lorries in the night and on holidays, and during the period when this work is being carried out the smell is most unbearable. I would earnestly request the Municipal Commissioner to kindly visit the place when the refuse is being removed and judge for himself the plight of the residents of the locality. Further, a lot of the refuse is strewn all over the footpath and road while being removed, and it deteriorates there for the whole night until teh footpath and the road are cleaned in the morning.

H. A. K.

Inter-Religious Convention

COLLECTIVE SALVATION THROUGH UNIVERSAL LOVE

Swami Sharvanandji On Influence Of Religion On Life

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Eminent scholars from different parts of India including Swami Sharvanandaji of the Belur Math at Calcutta, Prof. P. A. Wadia of Bombay, Dr. Barua of the Calcutta University, Mr. N. Subramanya Aiyar, President, World Welfare Mission and Miss. M. Benjamin, Principal of the Alexandra School addressed the Inter-religious Convention this morning, on the question of the value of religion to individual, social and international Life.

"Life is always lopsided. There is no real peace for man so long as he lives on the sense plane," declared Swami Sharvanandaji who occupied the presidential chair in the absence of Sir S. Radhakrishnan. "It is religion which enables man to realise that the fulfilment of life consists in bringing on self in tune with the Infinite. Nothing else on this earth can give that peace, that bliss, that ecstasy which religion can give to man."

In the course of a thought-provoking address, Prof. P. A. Wadia said: "Human life at its best and highest is the religious life. This fulness of life for the individual involves a favourable social environment. It is essentially social—no one liveth unto himself and no one dieth unto himself. This fulness of life is a dedicated life, a life whose essence is service inspired by love. This fulness of life is not a standardised pattern reducing all to a common level. Where there is life there is differentiation. What we need to recognise is that the tasks of the scientist, the painter, the statesman, the industrial worker are all religious tasks as much as those of the priest or the prophet."

The Sunday session of the Convention was largely attended. Swami Shambuddhananda, Chairman of the Reception Committee, at the outset, read the correspondence that had transpired between him and Sir S. Ramakrishnan who was unable to come down to Bombay due to pressure of work.

SHARVANANDJI'S ADDRESS

After prayers by a monk, Swami Sharvanandaji of the Belur Math addressed the Convention on the question how religion influenced life. "Man lives a double life—his inner life and outer life", he said. "Man's inner life consists of thoughts, emotions, feelings. His outer life consists of his work, his dealings and his conduct. His inner life is partly controlled by outerlife and partly by environments in which he exists. But after all, as man is essentially a centre of feeling and thought, his inner life certainly is felt to be the most important aspect of his life. If religion is to be effective in human life, it must have influence both on his inner and outer life."

It was the inner life which was of vital importance to man, explained Swami Sharvanandaji. Man always felt that he was limited, that he was helpless. At the same time, he felt an inner urge to cling to a hope that he would be able to get beyond these limitations, not by his own efforts or by his power of intelligence but through the grace of some higher being whom he prayed from the depth of his soul. It was this feeling of restlessness brought on by a sense of helplessness which was the source of all religion. Religion satisfied the inner craving. Its influence on life was very deep, deeper than any other outlook or discipline of life. The worldly values always changed but the spiritual verity of life was abiding.

NO PRIVILEGED CLASSES

Dr. B M. Barua of the Calcutta University said: "The days of the priest-ridden and creed-infested institutional religions are numbered, if they are not dead already. Modern youth may care only for that religion which is both universal and personal and which is compatible with science and reason. There must be no close-fist or trade secret, no monopoly of divine business in any privileged class. If religion is to stand, it must henceforth show an 'open heart' and follow an 'open door' policy. The world is grown sick of the familiar distinction between the Aryan and the Mlechcha, the chosen people and the cursed, the Hellenes and the barbarian, the Christian and the Pagan, the Muslim and the Kafir."

Dr. Barua added: "In discussing religion, we cannot ignore the fact that no unanimity has as yet been reached as regards its definition. But whatever the definition, it is certain that it is meant to indicate and emphasise its supreme importance to humanity at large."

IN THROES OF REVOLUTION

Prof. P. A. Wadia, in the course of an eloquent address declared: "We are living through a period of revolution. The scientific discoveries of the last fifty years have brought about a complete change in the physical and social environment in which we find ourselves. We need today, if we are to survive, a two-fold change. In the first place we have to adapt our social and political institutions to these revolutionary changes. If we cannot adopt them, we have to destroy the old foundations and build anew. The old Imperialism of Great Britain and France and the new Imperialism of America have to make room for a new form of social and economic living resting on common ownership and social use. In an earlier age we had a culture of commerce when the millionaire was regarded as a social asset. The new age demands a culture in which service will take the place of privileges. And not the least imperative for the sake of survival is the need for a new outlook—a new religion, a new life. We need not put new wines into old bottles. What good can ever come out of the old churches? The self-righteous nations that call themselves Christians and talk of punishing the war criminals need to be reminded of the figure on the Cross.

"The new religious inspiration on which alone the hopes of a future humanity can be built must have its roots in the life of the individual who, though he may be ordinarily capable of loving intensely only in a small but intimate circle, will earnestly strive to extend that love towards all men, even to those to whom he may be indifferent or hostile."

GOAL OF RELIGION

Mr. N. Subramanya Aiyar, President of the World Welfare Mission said: "To the question 'How far should Religious Institutions and practices be re-orientated to serve as an effective solvent of the present social chaos and international catastrophies?' the answer is that they must be re-orientated to the full extent of making it clear that the goal of religion is nothing other than eternal life in absolute bliss in this very world where the reverse condition now exists: and that this goal is unattainable as long as its component parts do not behave towards one another as mutually preserving organs of one and the same cosmic organism. When the relation between man and woman is not one of responsible mutual service, there must be chaos in the family. To such an inter-sex life the word 'family' cannot be applied at all. In the same way, as long as the families in a certain area do not behave towards other families as mutually preserving organs, of the social organism, be it small or great, village or town, country or continent, there must be social chaos: and if all social organisms are not so inter-connected the national and international catastrophies which we now mourn over must be constant features of associated human existence, making that of the animal by far superior to that of man.

Further, as long as the purpose of Religion is regarded as something capable of being secured by each individual for himself, without necessary regard to a like goal for the rest of the world, there can be no incentive or rationale for mutually serving and mutually non-harming existence, either between sexes, families or nations. Collective salvation in the world, for the whole world and through the world must be the religion of the future."

DOWN WITH SECTARIAN SCHOOLS

Miss M. Benjamin dwelt on the question of religious education to children. She felt the need for the abolition of all sectarian schools. The teaching of dogmas of any particular religion could not be expected to improve a child's mind. What was essential today was to bring a child nearer to God and to take him away from religion as defined by the man in the street. It was necessary to instill in the young mind a healthy creed which did not start with the assumption that all were sinners. Schools which were open to all castes and creeds were a healthy ground capable of fostering a spirit of sympathy and tolerance in the child's mind.

The Convention will reassemble at 6 p. m. tomorrow (Monday).

HITLER SAYS 1918 WILL NEVER BE REPEATED

"GERMANY HAS BEEN BETRAYED BY MOST OF HER ALLIES"

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): The German News Agency today issued a manifesto by Adolf Hitler on the occasion of the "Heroes Day". The manifesto which was issued to the German Army states: "The Jewish alliance between capitalism and Bolshevism, which today threatens Europe, has now drawn the veil from the gigantic armament which Russia had carried on hidden from the rest of the world for the destruction of our continent.

"Nevertheless, the German Reich, shamefully betrayed by most of her Allies, has now for almost six years put up a military resistance and won successes of a unique proportion. Even if fortune is apparently now turned against us, there can be no doubt that with steadfastness, endurance and fanaticism these setbacks will be overcome, as so often before.

"It is my irrevocable decision, and it must be the unshakable determination of us all, that we shall give to posterity no worse example than our previous history has given us. The year 1918 will, therefore, never be repeated. We all know what would otherwise be the fate of Germany.

"Drunk with victory our enemies have clearly proclaimed extermination of the German nation. Today, the Tenth Anniversary of the introduction of general conscription, there is only one order: with dogged determination to do all to defy danger and bring about a change of fortune. Equally great must be our fanatical determination to destroy all those who attempt to resist this order.

"History has shown that only those who have been found wanting are overthrown, and God of this world helps only those who are determined to help themselves. It is clear to everybody what we must do: to resist and to strike at the enemy until he is finally weary and breaks".

HUNDREDS RAID CLOTH SHOP

CALCUTTA, March 11 (A.P.I.): An attempt to raid an Indian retail cloth shop in Calcutta was made by a crowd of several hundred today.

It is stated that from early morning people began to collect before the shop in the expectation that cloth might be sold from there as was done from time to time. The salesman in the shop asked the crowd to disperse telling that there was no cloth for sale. A major portion of the crowd went away while a section of it demanded that they should be supplied with cloth. In the confusion that ensued several persons tried to help themselves and there was a regular scruffle between the assistant and the 'Darwan' of the shop on the one side and the crowd on the other. Sodawater bottles and green coconuts taken from a nearby shop were thrown into the shop.

Some of the raiders were, it is stated, in A. R. P uniforms. The police who were immediately informed arrived on the scene and the crowd dispersed. No arrests have so far been made and the matter is under investigation.

FOR KISAN SABHA PRESIDENTSHIP

BOMBAY, March 11.

The Central office of the All-India Kisan Sabha announces: The following gentlemen have been duly nominated from the different Provinces for election as the President of the ninth annual session of the All-India Kisan Sabha, which is to be held in Bengal early in April next: Messrs. Muzaffar Ahmed, Jadunandan Sharma and Abdullah Rasul. Mr. Rasul informs the office that he withdraws from the contest.—A.P.

PLEADER PROSECUTED FOR PULLING RAILWAY CHAIN

A Poona correspondent writes:—A sensation has been caused among the members of the Poona Bar by the fact that Mr. Madhavrao, a local pleader is being prosecuted by the G. I. P. Railway Authorities at Kalyan for pulling the communication chain. The accused was forwarded on 21-2-45 under custody to the Railway Magistrate at Kalyan. The accused has been released on personal recognizance. The case was fixed for evidence on 5-3-45 when the prosecution applied for time. The case has consequently been adjourned to 29-3-1945.

A CITY WEDDING RECEPTION: A large and distinguished gathering was present at Madhav Baug on Sunday at the Reception given by Mr. and Mrs. A. C Das, at the marriage of their daughter Shri Usharani with Mr. Panindranath Bhownik, son of the late Mr. D. D. Bhownik.

Will Spain Figure At 'Frisco?

MADRID, March 11 (Reuter): The "unquestionable" right of Spain to participate in future international affairs is asserted by the Falangist inspired Spanish weekly, 'El Espanol', commenting on the San Francisco Conference.

Her geographical position and historical qualifications entitled Spain to participate in providing a basis for universal order, the writer adds.

U-Boat Production Centres Hit

LONDON, March 11 (A. P. A.): Nearly 2,000 American bombers and fighter-strafers struck one of the war's greatest blows at Germany's submarine building programme today. The planes unloaded 3,500 tons of bombs on the big ports of Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen in the face of terrific anti-aircraft opposition.

Oil refineries adjacent to the U-Boat yards at Bremen and Hamburg also were blasted.

Mahmood Begam, mother of the late Sir Ross Masood and daughter-in-law of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of the Aligarh College, expired at Aligarh on Friday night.

Rhine Campaign Concludes

Nazis Quit Wesel Bridgehead

S.H.A.E.F., March 11 (A.P.A.):— Canadian and American troops completed the Allies' remarkable Rhine campaign today by wiping up the Nazis' Wesel bridgehead on the west bank of the great river, barrier Gen. Crerar's next step will be the crossing of the Rhine.

A thick, impenetrable smoke screen hides from he enemy every move that is being made along the Canadian-held 40-mile of the Rhine bank betwen Nijmegen and Wesel.

While the Canadians and U.S. Ninth Army troops brought their total bag of prisoners to 21,000 for the campaign, the U.S. Third army edged closer to Coblenz to the south.

The Fourth Armoured Division has gained a mile and is within one mile of the city. The north bank of the Moselle river has been cleared of Germans from just below Coblenz to a point 18 miles south-west of the city.

Mop-up operations behind he Rhine thrust are progressing rapidly with 22 towns and villages captured. The U. S. 27th Infantry has advanced within 18 miles of Bitburg and the Fifth has taken Gillenfeld, 20 miles to the north-east.

HOENNINGEN REACHED

Reuter adds: The German Overseas News Agency tonight said that American armour on the east bank of the Rhine (in the American bridgehead) has reached the centre of Hoenningen, south of Linz.

This progress was made "after a surprise thrust", according to the Agency's war correspondent.

The German News Agency today quoted the German 'communique' as saying that German troops have been withdrawn from the Wesel bridgehead.

"In the Remagen area the Americans continued in the afternoon their attacks to gain heights overlooking the eastern bank of the river and broaden their bridgehead."

R.A.F. DEVASTATION OF RUHR

It Will Take Five Years To Clear Rubble In Hamburg

BRUSSELS, March 11 (Reuter): Four hundred fifty square miles of the Ruhr—the "happy valley" of Bomber Command crews in their great assault of 1943—are today devastated beyond recognition, said a staff officer of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris' Bomber Command at the Second T. A. F. Headquarters today, cables Reuter's special correspondent.

He said: "We are quite certain that no town of any consequence and no major industrial works worth anything at all are now standing in this valley."

Photographs taken after the last great raid on Magdeburg showed that over 2,000 separate fires were eating the city. The most heavily bombed cities in Germany are Berlin and Hamburg. Four thousand acres of a total acreage of over 21,000 have been destroyed in the German capital. At Hamburg 74 per cent of the city or 6,200 acres are in ruins and, according to one German estimate, it will take five years to clear the rubble alone.

It is estimated that some 65 other German towns and cities are in approximately the same condition.

American bombers were over Germany again today keeping up their almost nonstop daylight offensive against key centres in the Reich.

Halifaxes made a number of attacks on German shipping in Skaggerak and Kattegat last night and early today, says the Air Ministry. Crews believe that two vessels have been hit.

G. O. M. OF PUNJAB

Tributes To Memory Of Raja Narendra Nath

LAHORE, March 11.

Paying a tribute to the memory of Raja Narendra Nath Sir Tek Chand said: "The news of the sudden death of Raja Sahib came as a great shock to me as it will be to every man in the Punjab. Raja Sahib was the most respected person in the province and was indeed the Grand Old Man in every sense of the word. His saintly character transparent sincerity and ardent desire to help every noble cause endeared him to the people of all classes and communities.

Chaudhri Tika Ram, Revenue Minister said: "Raja Narendra Nath was the Grand Old Man of the Punjab. He was most highly respected among the present day leaders of the Punjab he was loved by one and all.

J. J. Mian Abdul Haye, Education Minister said: Raja Narendra Nath occupied a place in the public and political life of this province which no man can adequately fill.

FUNERAL

Raja Narendra Nath's funeral took place this afternoon and was attended by the ministers of the Punjab Government and representative citizens belonging to all communities. His Excellency the Governor called at the residence of the deceased to offer personal condolences to the bereaved family before the bier was removed to the cremation ground.—A. P.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

He regarded it as a disquieting sign of how small nations might fare at San Francisco and added "We have to look forward to a world in which 'Small Fry' will be kept in order but in which the 'Big Boys', guided solely by high moral principles, are to be so kind and just to their weaker neighbours and so wise and fair in their dealings with each other, who dispute that no quarrel can ever break up the family party which at the Yalta 'picnic' celebrating the start of its idyllic journey down the peaceful centuries. Personally I have more faith in people".

Major-General Sir Edward Spears speaking at Carlisle.

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London political quarters believe that the forthcoming Conference of Empire Delegates in London "will be in the nature of an Empire dress rehearsal for San Francisco".

And the Indian Delegates will, of course, play the part of the very necessary "Extras".

What? No. No. You mustn't bring into it such an international institution as Charley MacCarthy.

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The Federation of Indian Associations in Great Britain has in an appeal to the Big Four urged that "the freedom of India and other subject peoples is imperative for world peace and security".

Then what will world peace and security be worth?

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Addressing the Royal Empire Society of London, Mir Maqbool Mahmud (Princes Chamber Secretary) is reported to have repudiated the suggestion that there had been any personal difficulty between the Viceroy and the Princes.

Of course not. Any such suggestion would be a reprehensible and malicious scandal mongering in and about the 'haute monde'.

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The Mir Sahib then, says the report, proceeded to emphasise "the relations of the Princes with the Crown and urged that such relationship could not be transferred to a third party without their consent".

Now you know what that malicious scandal mongering was all about.

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Pointing to Government Benches in the Central Assembly, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan declared that "whatever our 'Congress-League' differences may be on one fundamental point there is complete agreement, that is to annihilate the so-called apologies for Hitler sitting over there".

WHAT? Even before acceptance of the first part of the demand "Divide and Quit"?

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A Sind Muslim League leader is quoted by the Associated Press as saying that "the Ministerial situation is once again in the melting pot".

The report, however, is premature that the long suffering pot has lost patience and is about to throw the whole thing out.

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Karachi, March 2.

The forthcoming session of the Sind Assembly will consider a bill to be introduced by the Education Minister, Mr. Pir Illahibux for the creation of a university for Sind.—A. P

Yes, but what will the...?

POPE TURNS DOWN APPEAL OF POLES

LONDON, March 10.—The Polish Government in London, it is learned on good authority had appealed to the Pope publicity to protest against the Yalta settlement for Poland.

The Pope is believed to have declined to do this while at the same time expressing his deep concern at the Polish situation. The speech made in London last week by Archbishop Griffin of Westminster was aimed, it is believed, at conveying the Pope's general attitude.

It is also learned in London tonight that the new Polish Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, dismissed a considerable number of Polish officers who expressed a wish to return to Poland and serve in the reconstituted army of the Lublin Government.—Reuter.

Trial Of Khuhro Postponed To March 22

SUKKUR, March 11 (A. P. I.): The trial of Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother and three others who have been committed to the sessions on a charge of conspiracy to murder the late Mr. Allahbux, has been postponed from March 15 to March 22.

The transfer application filed on behalf of K. B. Khuhro in the Chief Court will be heard tomorrow.

It is understood that the Government of Sind has decided to engage Mr. Partabrai Punwani, formerly Advocate-General of Sind, to conduct the trial on behalf of the Crown Mr. Punwani will receive Rs. 1,000 per day.

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SUBSIDISED MILK DISTRIBUTION SCHEME EXTENDED TO BOMBAY SUBURBS.

The Government's Subsidised milk Distribution Scheme for Children upto 10 years has been extended to the Bandra, Juhu, Ghatkopar, Parle-Andheri, Kurla and Chembur urban areas in the Bombay Suburban District.

Expectant and nursing mothers will also get milk under the Scheme from the fourth month of pregnancy until two months after delivery.

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AMERY ATTACKED IN HIS OWN CONSTITUENCY

Communist Palme Dutt Opens Campaign For Ending Indian Deadlock

BIRMINGHAM, March 11.—The view that the Secretary of State for India's "stonewall negative to the suggestion of the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Emanual Shinwell, that Government take steps to reopen negotiations to end the Indian deadlock is indefensible" was expressed at a meeting at Sparkbrook, Birmingham, tonight by Mr. R. Palme Dutt, Vice-Chairman, Communist Party, and prospective Communist candidate for Sparkbrook of which Mr. Amery is the present member.

Mr. Dutt said it was notable that Mr. Shinwell's constructive proposal was supported from Liberal and Conservative benches.

Expressing the opinion that the time was ripe for such a move as indicated by Mr. Shinwell, Mr. Dutt, said there was now full co-operation between representatives of the National Congress and the Muslim League in the Indian Central Legislative Assembly. The combined action of these two major organisations in the Assembly had inflicted a Parliamentary defeat on the present Government in India which in a democratic country would lead to the immediate resignation of the Government and the formation of a new Government on the basis of a Parliamentary majority or the alternative policy of the new election.

The Parliamentary leader of the Congress, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and of the Muslim League, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan had produced a joint agreement for the formation of an interim National Government. Full advantage should be taken of this opportunity. The approach of the end of the war in Europe and consequent measures for speeding the end of the war in the Far East made it more urgent to take all possible steps to win the full and effective co-operation of the Indian people, not only in the interests of India but equally of the British and American soldiers serving in the Far East.—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON DESHBANDHU GUPTA

NEW DELHI, March 11: A notice has been served on behalf of the Punjab Government on Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, M. L. A. (Punjab) directing him not to take part in any political meeting or procession and not to issue any statement to the Press without obtaining the permission of the District Magistrate of Karnal.

He was recently released from the Lahore Jail after two and a half years' detention on account of a serious illness.—United Press.

CONGRESS ASSEMBLY CHIEF ARRESTED

JAUNPORE, March 10: Mr. Rauf Jafri, President, Congress Assembly, Jaunpore and Mr. Gopaldas, Secretary, Kisan Sabha, have been arrested under D. I. R. 129. Earlier Mr. Prayag Gupta Misra was also arrested.—A. P.

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Crucified In Chicago

Austrian Nailed With 5-Inch Spikes For World Peace!

CHICAGO, Mar. 10: The Chicago police to-night launched a week-end hunt for three men who had crucified a middle-aged Austrian on the support girders of one of the city's elevated railways—as a publicity stunt.

The man was discovered his hands nailed to a crude wooden cross by five inch spikes, a crown of thorns around his head and a placard above his head reading "This good man is chosen and sacrificed by the noblest, greatest and finest inspiration for world peace. Let us all follow for the good of all mankind. God bless him Amen." It was signed by "The Unknown World Controllers."

Take down still alive by the police, the crucified man, Fred Walcher, said he had submitted to the ordeal to gain publicity for the Universal Brotherhood Plan "to free the world from slavery." He said he did not expect to be hurt when he offered himself and only got frightened when his colleagues produced five-inch spikes.

Walcher is expected to make a quick recovery.—Reuter.

A POLITICIAN-SCHOLAR

Late Raja Narendra Nath

LAHORE, March 10: The death occurred this evening of Dewan Bahadur Raja Narendra Nath, President of the Punjab Provincial Hindu Mahasabha at the age of 81, due to heart failure.

Dewan Bahadur Raja M. Narendra Nath, whose death occurred at 9-15 this evening, was a leading Hindu politician and a renowned oriental scholar. He was 80 years old and lived a vigorous, energetic and youthful life throughout. He was playing cards with his grandchildren until fifteen minutes before the heart seizure. The end came swift and sudden before doctors could arrive.

Since his retirement as Commissioner in 1916 he had been taking active part in the public life of the Province. He was member of the Nawab Council from 1921 to 1937 and led the Hindu group. He represented the Punjab Hindus at the Round Table Conference. On the inauguration of Provincial Autonomy he was returned to the Punjab Assembly, but resigned after two years.

Raja Narendra Nath was President of the Punjab Hindu Sabha, a trustee of the "Tribune" and a staunch supporter of the communal harmony movement.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and four daughters, the eldest being Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru, formerly President of the All-India Women's Conference.

Raja Narendra Nath was a Kashmiri Pandit and his ancestors wielded great influence at Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Court.—

PUNJAB PREMIER'S TRIBUTE

Commenting on Raja Narendranath's death, the Punjab Premier Malik Khizar Hayat Khan said, "The late Raja was the link between the present and the past. Himself a symbol of communal harmony, he not only preached it but also practised it. His death removes from the public life of the Province a towering personality and creates a void which it will be difficult to fill."—A.P.

NO CONFIDENCE IN FRONTIER MINISTRY

Assembly Adjourns Without Transacting Business Till Issue Is Settled

PESHAWAR, March 10.

The Frontier Assembly, which met for the second day today, was adjourned after ten minutes on a motion of Dewan Bhanju Ram Gandhi (Congress) that the non-official business fixed for the day be postponed in view of the fact that the no confidence motion against the Council of Ministers had been admitted and fixed for discussion on March 12 with the support of 23 members out of 38.

Sardar Mohd. Aurangzeb Khan, leader of the House, who was consulted by the Speaker, took no objection to Mr. Gandhi's motion which was carried.

Khan Abdul Rashid Khan, who has resigned from Parliamentary Secretaryship was granted leave by the House on grounds of ill health.

It was announced that the N.W.F.P. Gurdwara Bill passed by the Assembly in its last session has received the assent of the Governor-General.—A.P.

Congress M.L.A. Unseated

PESHAWAR, March 10.—According to a Frontier Gazette Notification Sardar Saran Singh, M.L.A. (Congress) has been unseated and disqualified as the result of an election petition filed against him by Mr. Balwant Singh, who was defeated in the recent by-election.

This reduces the strength of the Congress Party from 25 to 24 in a house of 43.—A.P.

SIND MINISTRY AGAIN IN MELTING POT

LEAGUE HIGH COMMAND'S 'FIRMAN' TO PREMIER

ULTIMATUM TO MOULABUX FALLS FLAT

KARACHI, March 10.

On the eve of the budget session of the Sind Assembly commencing on Monday, the League High Command has issued final instructions to the Premier, Sir Chulam Hussain Hidayatullah to bring Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux in the League fold or remove him from the Ministry.

This has perturbed the Ministerialists and at one stage the Premier thought of tendering resignation of the whole Ministry and reshuffling it without K. B. Moulabux. He was however prevailed upon by some of his friends not to take such step. The Premier has, however, summoned all the Muslim members of the Sind Assembly at a meeting at his residence tomorrow evening to review the whole situation.

Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux has taken a firm stand and refuses to sign the Muslim League pledge. Efforts may be restarted to bring about a settlement between the Premier and Mr. G. M. Syed, but little hope is entertained of success by supporters of the Premier.

A prominent member of the Sind Muslim League said tonight that the Ministerial situation is once again in the melting pot.—A.P.

FORM COALITION BUT NO NON-LEAGUER SHOULD BE THERE

NEW DELHI, March 11.

The Central Parliamentary Board of the All-India Muslim League has called upon the Sind Premier to tender the resignation of the whole Cabinet and to reconstitute a Coalition Ministry in which there should not be any Muslim who is not a Muslim Leaguer.

The Board took this decision at an emergent meeting held this morning following a telephone call which Nawabzada Liaquat Ali received from Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah last night. The meeting was attended by Nawabzada Liaquat Ali and Mr. Hussain Imam, two of the three members.

The Nawabzada has sent the following telegram to the Sind Premier on the authority of the Central Parliamentary Board:

"Reference your telephone conversation last night that Mr. Moula Bux refuses to join Muslim League under any circumstances, the Central Parliamentary Board of All-India Muslim League directs you to tender resignation of whole Cabinet to Governor and reconstitute Ministry in which there should not be any Muslim who is not a member of the Muslim League. You are authorised to coalesce with non-Muslim groups provided the terms and conditions of Coalition are not against principle and policy of Muslim League. To constitute Ministry in accordance with these directions every member of the Muslim League organisation is hereby directed to assist in the formation of such Ministry and stand by it loyally."

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan has sent a copy of this telegram to Mr. G. M. Syed directing him to follow the direction given to Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah.—A. P.

CABINET TO QUIT TODAY?

Sequel To Syed-Premier Conversations

The "United Press" adds: Khan Bahadur Haji Moula Bux was conspicuous by his absence at a tea party given by the Premier at his residence this evening. None of the Azad Muslims was present although they had been invited.

Mr. G. M. Syed who attended carried on further talks with the Premier. His conditions in addition to getting rid of K. B. Moula Bux are that his group and the Premier's should get fifty-fifty representation in the Ministry and the Hindu members of the Assembly should have a right to elect their own Ministers. After the tea party it was stated that a tentative agreement between Mr. Syed and the Premier has been reached and the Premier will tender resignation of the Council of Ministers tomorrow morning before the Assembly meets at two in the afternoon.

Interviewed by the "United Press", Khan Bahadur Moula Bux said that he was not worried about the events that might take shape. He, however, felt doubtful if the Governor would again call upon Sir Ghulam Hussain to form a Ministry once he tendered his resignation."

CONDOLENCE FOR K. S. GUPTA

MADRAS, March 10.—The Executive Committee of the Madras Mahajana Sabha has passed a condolence resolution on the death of Mr. K. S. Gupta, M.L.A. (Central).—A.P.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

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INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

BOMBAY, March 10.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

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Khandesh	4,662	29,015	39,334
Central India	1,263	17,336	33,795
Barsi and Nagar	648	33,364	44,664
Hyderabad/ Gaorani	185	14,428	12,600
Berar	1,548	116,513	192,910
Central Provinces	1,612	22,373	28,458
Total Oomras	9,918	223,029	351,761
Dholeras	1,572	48,359	15,731
N.-W. Provinces	.....	200	491
Rajputana	.....	788	91
Sind-Punjab	3,115	255,595	302,182
Broach	1,233	69,413	64,019
Coompta and Dharwar	70	33,293	12,523
Western-Northerns	321	22,288	5,040
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	367	5,268	702
Soudan	.....	1	45,619
Egyptian (other than Soudan)	1,120	145,932	66,504
East African	.....	64,913	56,326
Comilla, Burma & other sorts	.....	2,256	1,185
	16,596	880,435	922,204
Arr. by road to 8th March	.....	6,000	5,000

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 10.

March	22.03
May	22.00
July	21.74
Middling Spot	22.38

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, March 10.

March	21.92
May	21.97
July	21.70
Middling Spot	21.80

Sir G. Boag To Succeed Sir A. Hope?

MADRAS, March 10, (A. P.): Sir George Boag, Dewan of Cochin, will succeed Sir Arthur Hope as Governor of Madras, on the expiry of the latter's extended term of office, according to a message from Ernakulam to the "Indian Express."

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 2nd March:—

	Rs
Demand Liabilities in India	612,34,59,000
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Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	27,06,54,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,97,12,000
(iii) Subsidiarry Coin	61,62,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	89,56,60,000
Advances in India	270,54,91,000
Bills discounted in India	14,16,63,000

ACTIVITY IN ELECTRIC SHARES

LONDON, March 10. (AP)—Indian sterling electrical shares were active during the week on the London Stock Exchange with a firm start but later moderate realization developed.

Delhi Electric issues after improving to 75s 9d, finished with a net loss of 1s 3d at 74s, 6d. Madras Electric touched 34s, 9d relaxing to 34s. Calcuttas were also 6d down at 51s, 3d.

Eastern Bank Profits

The London office of the Eastern Bank, Ltd., has intimated the Bombay branch of the bank that the net profit for 1944 amounts to £98,704-14-0. This, together with the amount brought forward, makes a total of £177,876-2-1, out of which the directors have appropriated £50,000 to the reserve fund and have recommended for approval at the general meeting on March 21 a final dividend, payable on March 28, of Sh. 3, less tax of Sh. 8 d. 2 in the pound sterling, after allowing for dominion tax relief, leaving £72,876-2-1 to be carried forward. The Reserve Fund has been further increased by transferring £50,000 from the contingency account, to £700,000. The transfer books will remain closed from March 14 to 27, both days inclusive.

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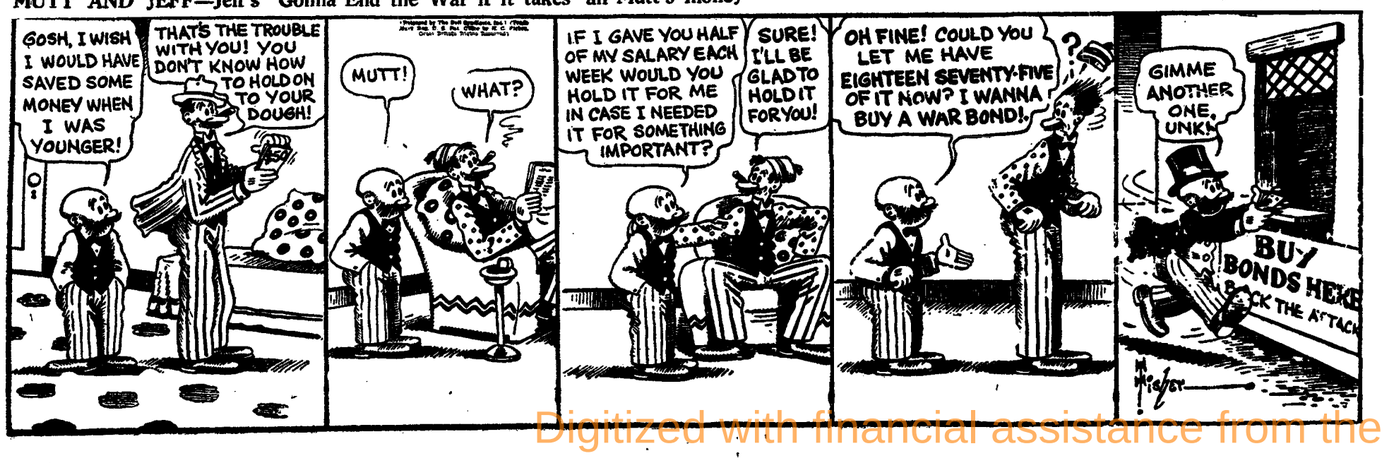
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Applications are invited for appointment to the temporary posts of stenographers and typists in the Office of the Deputy Financial Adviser, Supply Finance, Bombay. The posts of stenographers carry the scale of Rs. 80-5-160/- and the posts of typists the scale of Rs. 55-5-80 plus the usual dearness and other allowances. Applicants for the posts of stenographers should have minimum speed of 100 words per minute and for typists speed of 30 words per minute. Applications giving full particulars together with testimonials, of age, academic qualifications and experience should be forwarded to reach the Dy. Financial Adviser, Supply Finance. Reserve Bank Building, Mint Road, Fort, Bombay, on or before the 17th March, 1945. 2454

Wanted immediately Drivers and Conductors for Traffic Department, Bandra Bus Company, Limited, Santa Cruz. Age over 18. Apply personally with certificates to the Manager. 2445

Wanted a probationer Indian Nurse pay Rs. 60 p.m. for dispensary. Box No. 7500, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted two Clerks, preferably graduates with knowledge of accounts and one typist. Apply Nanikram Sobhraj Mills, Ltd., Railwaypura, Post Ahmedabad. 2355

Wanted two Salesmen, having experience in Pharmaceutical and perfumery lines. Salary according to merits. Apply to: Vijaya Corporation, 21, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay. (7532)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE RAVALGAON SUGAR FARM LTD.

To

The Holders of Debentures of the Company secured by the Debenture Trust Deed, dated 20th June, 1939.

The above debentures beccme due for redemption cn the 31st of March 1945 and the Company having given notice of such redemption to the Trustees, the Trustees have by advertisement in the newspapers given notice of such redemption. For the preparation of the necessary papers in connection with such redemption and to facilitate prompt payment of the amount ccvered by the debentures including the interest for the half year ending 31st March, 1945, the debentureholders in their own interest are requested to leave their debentures with the interest coupons at the Registered Office of the Ccmpany a few days before 31st March, 1945, say on or after Monday the 26th of March, 1945. The Company will pass necessary receipt, on presentation of which on and after the 31st March, 1945, the debentureholders will be paid the amount due to them.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1945.

For and on behalf of
The Ravalgaon Sugar Farm Ltd.
Walchand & Company Ltd.
MANAGING AGENTS,
GULABCHAND HIRACHAND,
Director.

Construction House,
Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay.

WALCHANDNAGAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED.

(Till recently known as Marsland Price & Co., Ltd.)

To

The Holders of Debentures of the Company secured by the Debenture Trust Deed dated 24th January 1939.

The above debentures become due for redemption on the 31st of March, 1945 and the Company having given notice of such redemption to the Trustees, the Trustees have by advertisement in the newspapers given notice of such redemption. For the preparation of the necessary papers in connection with such redemption and to facilitate prompt payment of the amount covered by the debentures including the interest for the half year ending 31st March, 1945, the debenture holders in their own interest are requested to leave their debentures with the interest coupons at the Registered Office of the Company a few days before 31st March, 1945, say, on or after MONDAY, the 26th of March, 1945. The Company will pass necessary receipt, on presentation of which on or after the 31st March 1945 the debentureholders will be paid the amount due to them.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1945.

For and on behalf of
Walchandnagar Industries Limited,
The Premier Construction Co., Ltd.
Agents.
B. D. SARDESAI,
Secretary.

Construction House,
Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay.

NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS

MEMBERS of the Special Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court, on Monday, the 12th March, 1945 at 3-15 P.M. (S.T.)

J. B. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 10th March, 1945. 2446

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

Office of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals), Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.

AUCTION NOTICE

LARGE QUANTITIES of salvaged M.T. Parts and accessories of great interest to motor dealers will be sold by public auction at Port Salvage Depot, Haji Bunder, Sewri, Bombay, on Tuesday, the 13th of March, 1945, at 10-30 A.M. The stores to be sold can be viewed at site by previous arrangement with the Manager of the Depot.

Further details can be had from Messrs. Gandhi & Co. Govt. Auctioneers, 72, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay. 2434

NOTICE

THE EASTERN BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in England, the liability of Members being Limited.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from 14th March to 27th March 1945, both days inclusive. 2430

WILSON COLLEGE AT HOME TO PAST STUDENTS

THE PRINCIPAL and STAFF of Wilson College will be AT HOME to past students on Saturday, 17th March, 1945 at 5-30 p.m. All past students are cordially invited. 2447

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

The Hind Engineering Works, Krishna Bhawan Sisamau, Cawnpore, Manufacturers of Oil Expeller parts and Country Glue. 7353

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

Addenda to Prospectus in re. CENTRAL CINE CORPORATION LTD., Published in issue of this paper dated 9th March, 1945.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

Mr. GHANSHYAMDAS SITARAM PODDAR, another Director of the Company, is also a Director and Shareholder of Messrs. A. J. Patel Ltd., and as such is interested in the said Company and in the remuneration to be paid to the Managing Agents of the Company.

Mr. AMBALAL JHAVERBHAI PATEL, the Ex-Officio Director of the Company is interested as Director and Shareholder of A. J. Patel Ltd., who are appointed as Managing Agents of the Company, and as such is interested in the said Company and in the remuneration to be paid to the Managing Agents of the Company.

Mr. CHIMANBHAI MOTILAL PANDYA, B.Sc., A.R.P.S. (Lond.), another Director of the Company, is also a Shareholder of Messrs. A. J. Patel Ltd., and as such is interested in the said Company and in the remuneration to be paid to the Managing Agents of the Company. 2452

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS LTD.

TEMPORARY TRANSFER RECEIPT No. 24375-4376 of the abovementioned Company for 100 Ordinary Shares Nos. 1801-3001 1202400 standing in the name of Mr. R. M. Chockalingam has been lost and the undersigned has applied to the company for the issue of duplicate of the said temporary transfer receipt.

Any person having any objection to the India United Mills Ltd., issuing duplicate of the said temporary transfer receipt should lodge such objection with the Company at its Registered Office at E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay within one month from this date; otherwise the Company will proceed to issue the duplicate temporary transfer receipt.

Dated 9th March, 1945. 2451

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Bible Society will be held on TUESDAY, March 13th at 6-30 P.M. in Christ Church Parish Hall, Byculla.

Chairman: H. E. The Governor of Bombay.

Speakers: The Rev. J. S. M. Hooper and the Rev. Father C. Whitworth. 2448

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT
(Works Branch).

NOTICE

TENDER for the work of providing an additional staircase (masonry) by the side of the existing one at Sun Mill Lane will be received upto 1 P.M. (Bombay Time) on FRIDAY, the 23rd March, 1945.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specification, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupees 5|- each to any one deputed to receive them by the City Engineer, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Tenders must be brought duly sealed to the Municipal Office and delivered at the Chief Accountant's Office as directed above. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other office.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 10th March, 1945. (2456)

THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Allotment Share Certificates Nos. 4914 in respect of ten Shares numbered 122264 to 122273 of THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, standing in the name of Lachhmilal Bolia has been lost or mislaid, and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate Allotment Share Certificate for the said Shares. Any persons having any claim on the said Shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office, Esplahade Road, Fort, Bombay, within one month rom this date, after which no claim will be considered and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Allotment Share Certificate.

DEVILAL BOLIYA,
Signature of Shareholder's,
Legal Heir.

Bombay, dated the 12th March, 1945. (7545)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD
(DIV. III)

Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.
No. L-10(27)
TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE, Department of Food (Divn. III), Jamnagar House, New Delhi, invites tenders for the supply of (a) live goats and (b) goat meat dressed carcasses (Jhatka, Halal) for delivery at the undermentioned Government Factories.

JHATKA MEAT FACTORIES.
Government Meat Dehydration Factory, Red Hills, MADRAS.
Government Meat Dehydration Factory, Near Village Vadgaon Sherry, Poona.
HALAL MEAT FACTORIES
Government Meat Dehydration Factory, Digha Ghat, Patna.
Government Meat Dehydration Factory, Bharatpur Road, near Village Bodla, Agra.

Quotations should be for such quantities as may be required during a minimum period of three months and a maximum of six months.

2. Price of tender forms, etc., is Rs. 10|- (Rupees Ten only) per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only, to the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi, quoting the tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon. Applications for tender forms will not be entertained after 4 p.m. on 20th March, 1945.

3. Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on 21st March, 1945.

4. EARNEST MONEY to the extent of Rs. 20,000|- (Rupees twenty thousand) only, will be required with the tender, in favour of the Chief Director of Purchase, Department of Food (Divn III), New Delhi. The successful tenderer will be required to deposit a cash security to the extent of Rupees one and a half lakhs.

Applicants for tender form not already on the Food Department's list of approved contractors must state in their applications for tender forms, the name of their bankers. (2455)

NOTIFICATION
CONCESSION TO HOT MILK SHOPS WITHDRAWN

Finance Department (Supply). Bombay Castle, 9th March, 1945.

No. 57 (G)|IV-C. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend, with effect from the 12th day of March 1945, Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 57 (G)|IV-C dated the 24th November 1944, as follows, namely:—

In the explanation to the said notification the words "but does not include a hot milk shop wherein tea or coffee is not supplied or served" shall be deleted.

By Order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary. 2351

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Re: ESTATE OF RAMDAS RAGHAVJI ... Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claim or demand against the estate of the deceased Ramdas Raghavji late of Bombay Bhatia Hindu Inhabitant (who died at Bombay on or about the 16th day of January, 1943, leaving a Will and Codicils thereto whereof Probate having effect throughout British India was obtained by Devidas Raghavji and Haridas Gopaldas, the executors named therein) are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned as attorneys for the executors within a fortnight from the date of the publication hereof at the expiration of which time the executors will proceed to finally wind up the estate of the deceased and hand over the same to the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and the said executors will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed or paid to any person or persons of whose claim or demand they shall then not have had notice.

All persons indebted to or holding any securities or property belonging to the estate of the deceased are hereby required forthwith to pay the amount owing by them or to deliver up the securities or property as the case may be to the undersigned on behalf of the executors.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1945.

MAZAGONWALLA & CO.,
Attorneys for the Executors,
Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay. (2453)

BOMBAY BRANCH,
108, Sir Vithaldas Chambers
16, Apollo Street, Fort.
Tel. 21696

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
UJJAIN SINGHASTH MELA BANNED

In the interest of the intending pilgrims it is hereby announced that considering the shortage of foodstuffs and difficulties of transport due to war time, the Gwalior Government has banned the holding of the Singhasth Fair the second phase of which is to take place from March, 1945 to June, 1945.

The Resident for Central India has also notified a ban on travel from any place within the railway lands in C. I. to Ujjain for taking part in the Singhasth Mela. 161

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF BURMA TEAK & FURNITURE.

Under instructions from the heirs of late Khan Bahadur Joosub Mahomed, Messrs BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction to-day, MONDAY, 12th March, 1945. at 4-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Dhobi Gali, Haji Ismail Haji Habib Bundervala Bldg., No. 4:—1 big lot Burma Teak and 1 big lot furniture on view.

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT HAINES ROAD, BYCULLA.

Under instructions from Messrs. Mansukhlal Hiralal & Co., Attorneys for the mortgagees Mr. Krishnalal Mansukhlal Munshi and Mrs. Vidyagavri Krishnalal Munshi, and on account and risk of the mortgagor Krishnarao Govind Gawli alias Wanjule, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, 19th March, 1945, at 4-30 p.m. (N.S.T.), on site the valuable immovable property situate on North side of Haines Road about 131 square yards of land with the building standing thereon, New Survey No. 7|3470 Cadastral Survey No. 1806, Byculla Division, E Ward No. 7040, Street Nos. 907 to 911, Bounded as follows on the East Cadastral Survey No. 1805, on the West Cadastral Survey Nos. 1807, and 1808, on the North Cadastral Survey No. 1800, on the South Haines Road.

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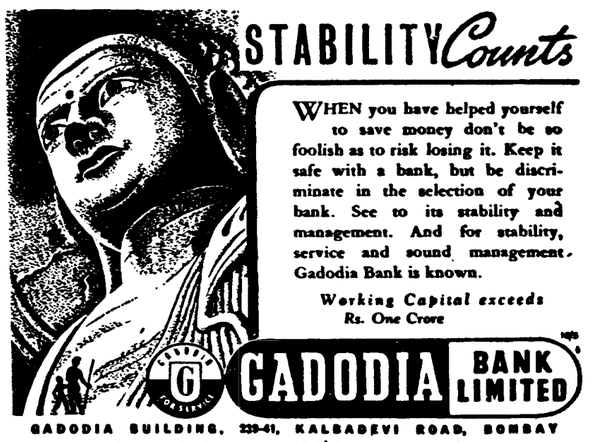
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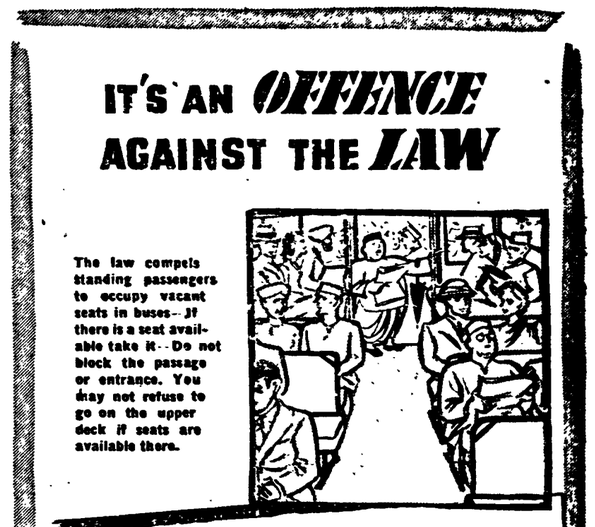
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